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NANKING GOVT.

FOUR IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS.

DEPUTATION TO CHIANG.

Shanghai, Sept. 19.
The following appointments have been made by the new Nanking Government:—
Mr. Sun Fo, Finance Minister.
Mr. C. C. Wu, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Justice.
Mr. Wang Peh-ching, Minister of Communications.
Messrs. Chang Ching-kiang, Tsai Yuan-pei and Yu Ju-jen are arriving in Shanghai from Nanking this morning, and the first named is said to be on his way to Hangchow to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who arrived there yesterday afternoon.—*Reuter.*

FIVE YEARS FOR THEFT.

"ONLY A FEW CHICKENS!"

"Stealing a few chickens. How can the court impose such a sentence?" asked Chan Fook, when he was sentenced to terms of imprisonment amounting to five years in respect of two charges, by the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The prisoner was charged with the theft of crates of chickens on two counts, and with an offence against the Prevention of Crimes Ordinance, in that he failed to report himself while under police supervision.

He pleaded guilty, explaining with regard to the second charge that he had lost his license, and did not like to go to the police station in consequence.

It was shown that the prisoner had several previous convictions. His Lordship imposed sentences amounting to five years' hard labour in all, and when the prisoner remonstrated, the judge reminded him of his past record.

INCOME FOR FLIERS' WIDOWS.

A CANADIAN BENEFACTION.

London, Ont., Sept. 18.
The widow of Captain Tully, who lost his life in an attempt to fly the Atlantic in the aeroplane "Sir John Carling," has accepted the gift of a house from the city of London, Ontario.
She, and the widow of Lieutenant Medcalf, who accompanied Tully, will receive an income from a trust fund established by the sponsors of the flight.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A GALE LIKELY?

TYPHOON MAY PASS NEARBY.

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened further.
The typhoon appears to be between 200 and 300 miles south by east of Hongkong moving W.N.W.
There is now a possibility of its causing an easterly gale at Hongkong.
Forecast up to noon to-morrow: E. winds, strong, possibly increasing to a gale; overcast, rain later.
The No. 1 local signal was hoisted soon after 11 o'clock this morning.

MR. LEVINE HELD UP.

MACHINE UNABLE TO RISE.

London, Sept. 18.
The flight piloted by the English airman, Captain Minchell, and organised by Mr. Levine was unable to leave yesterday, owing to the sudden state of the ground at Cranwell Aerodrome, and an expected change of weather.
Two attempts were made, but the machine, which carries a large store of petrol, did not leave the ground.—*British Wireless.*

"PURGE THE PARTY" AT WORK.

ROUNDING UP "REDS" IN KWANGSI.

EXECUTIONS AT NANNING.

The latest news from Kwangsi province indicates that it is a very unhealthy place for those that have strong Communistic sentiment, writes a correspondent.
Beginning on the first of September at Nanning, a thorough search was made and about fifty taken into custody. Thirteen of these were executed immediately, and the popular report has it that the only trial they were given was one to make sure they were the proper unlucky thirteen, and they were forthwith led to the execution grounds.

They were all young men, some with exceptional educational attainment. The brother of the Provincial Educational Secretary was one, the editor of the Nanning *Tong Po* or Party paper was another. The leaders in one or two of the most troublesome Labour Unions were among those picked upon in order to purge the party. All the rest were counted among the leading political agitators for some time past.

If their defiant shouts could be taken as evidence, they were Communist without a doubt. As they were being driven to their execution they yelled constantly "Communism Forever." "Down with Chiang Kai-shek." "Down with Lei Chung-yan and Won Shiu-fung." These shouts continued from the time they left the prison until the firing squad did its work.

Among those captured were three from the postal staff, and a number of teachers and Labour Union officials. Several of these, learning the fate of their leaders, attempted suicide by drinking disinfectant fluid, and the supply obtained being insufficient to attain their end, they spent many hours in terrible agony, and one man wrote to his relatives that he wished he had been shot instead.

City Gates Guarded.

For several days the gates of the city were guarded and all entering or leaving were searched. Up to the present, all arriving and departing by boat from Nanning are searched by "Purge the Party" officials. It is one of the annoyances incident to traveling in Kwangsi, as the searching is done at the will and leisure of the officials, who are perhaps diligent devotees of Ma Jong or some other absorbing passion, and a boat which is scheduled to sail at daylight may count itself fortunate to get the official permit to clear by noon.

The unfortunate passenger has only one alternative, either to go ashore and wait for more peaceful times, or wait until the party is purged; or else scan the bank with wistful eyes for the appearance of the man with a blue star on his cap, a wide belt and a riding whip. The usual Chinese oath is the only comment as some disgraced traveller rolls over on his opium lamp and seeks solace from his opium pipe.

Inspection of party enemies is made at Nanning, Lung Chow, Kwai Ping, and Wuchow. All baggage, books, and letters are examined, and any evidence found means at least a term in jail. One's financial standing is the understood gauge by which all fines are assessed.

At Wuchow.

Wuchow has had Communism under ban since April 17, when about fifty persons were arrested. Among those incarcerated at that time, and still a waiting trial, are Ho Tsan Man and Hui King Chee.

The latest raid on those of Bolshevistic colour was made at 3 a.m. on the seventh of September, at Wuchow. Martial law went into effect at that hour, and a comb out of the city was made. Various reports give from 50 to 80 as the number captured.

The lesser shadows have departed into durance vile, but the more important are waiting they know not what, or when.

All arriving passengers from Hongkong and down-river ports are examined, bag and baggage, on the foreshore, by specially delegated agents of the "Purge the Party" organisation.

AGAINST CANTON.

WUHAN COMMUNISTS' SCHEME.

TO RECONQUER COUNTRY.

Kiukiang, Sept. 8.
The beginning of August found a concentration of Chang Fa-kuei's troops, consisting of the 4th, 11th, and 20th Armies from Hankow, round Kiukiang and Nanchang. These troops had been ordered to leave Hankow, and the opinion was held that Chang Fa-kuei intended to advance with them through Kiangsi Province, down the Kan River to Kwantung, his purpose being to take possession of Canton and occupy it as his base. Chang Fa-kuei was believed to be in close touch with the Russians and it is, perhaps, this belief that gave rise to the report that the Russian plan, after their ejection from Hankow, was to obtain control of Canton again and start a new movement to sweep up through China.

Whether Chang Fa-kuei wavered in his allegiance to the Russians, is not known, or whether for some other reason, the Communist elements in his three armies, the communist cells, organized under Generals Yeh Ting and Ho Lung staged a revolt at Nanchang, but for a time the situation hung in the balance but with the arrival of some men of the 6th Army and Teng Sheng-chi's 35th and 36th Armies the mutiny was suppressed. The mutineers are now moving southeast towards Nan-feng and the Fukien border, where, no doubt, they will eventually join the ever-increasing hordes of bandits which are spreading throughout the province.

Thorn in Nationalist Flesh.

Chang Fa-kuei, in accordance with his original plan, is gradually moving his remaining troops down the Kan River to Kuangtung. Once safely established in Canton, there is no knowing to which side he may lean and he may yet be a thorn in the flesh of whatever Nationalist Government is in control on the Yangtze.

With the removal of Chang Fa-kuei's troops in the direction of Kuangtung and the advance of Teng Sheng-chi's armies towards Anhui and Nanking, the north of Kiangsi has become practically denuded of troops and Chu Pei-teh with his 3rd Army is again left in control.

A conference was held at Kiukiang on August 25 at which were present Messrs. C. C. Wu and Li Tsung-jen from Nanking and Teng Sheng-chi, Tan Yen-hai, Sun To, Wang Ching-wei, and Cheng Kung-po from Hankow. The conference resulted in complete agreement between the Hankow and Nanking factions of the Nationalist Government.

Rounding Up Communists.

Already early in August it was evident that the tide had turned definitely against the communists. Orders were issued that all Labour leaders were to be arrested. About 100 were rounded up, the majority of whom are still in prison. Peng Kiang, the head of the local Labour Unions, tried to escape across the river in a sampan, but was turned back by soldiers on the other side. He returned to Kiukiang and would have got away had he not been seen by a coolie, who had a grudge against him. The coolie gave him away and he was arrested by the soldiers.

If you will feel at the back of your ankle you will find a bone. In the good old days of the Chin dynasty the method of securing a dangerous criminal was to bore a hole round this bone and then to thread a rope through. The soldiers who seized Peng Kiang did not choose his ankle bone. They chose his collar bone. If you will feel for the hollow in your own neck you will find the spot where with a bayonet they gouged a hole round his collar bone and then passed a small chain through. Thus secured, streaming with blood, he was led through the streets. Later with 25 other agitators he was led out and shot. He died smiling.

An Old Man's Escape.

One of the 25 other victims an old man, who had nothing to do with Labour unions but had been substituted for his son, a well-

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SIX WEEKS FOR THEFT OF CLOTH.

WITNESS CONTRADICTS.

Two soldiers, Private T. Chambers and Private W. Foney, both of the K.O.S.B. were charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with larceny of a roll of cloth from a street hawk. The two defendants pleaded not guilty.

Captain A. G. Dobbie of the K.O.S.B. was present in court, and sat with the Magistrate. Evidence was given by a Chinese hawk to the effect that on Saturday, about 3.30 p.m., he put his basket, containing several rolls of cloth, down by the side channel of West Street. The two defendants approached him. The first defendant picked up a roll of cloth and ran in the direction of King's College, which is now used as a military hospital.

The hawk gave chase, but the soldiers beat him off with their sticks. He then went to the No. 7 Police Station to report the affair. A friend of his watched the soldiers, and saw them disappear into King's College.

The police accompanied the hawk to the hospital where, on enquiries being made, they found the two men. The second defendant was in possession of the roll of cloth when in the hospital. Private W. Millet, who was on guard at the main entrance of the hospital at the time the two defendants entered, informed the Magistrate that the defendants had been patients in the hospital a short while ago. He knew both of them.

Lance Corporal R. G. Mitchell said the defendants were seen in the room of one of the patients. The second defendant had the roll of cloth spread over the floor, and was seen in the act of rolling it up when the witness entered the ward.

One Man Discharged.

His Worship said that he could not see his way to convict the second defendant. There was not sufficient evidence to convict him of stealing or receiving the cloth. He discharged the second defendant accordingly.

The first defendant then said that he paid two dollars for a roll of cloth. The Chinese seemed perfectly happy at the time, and he could not understand why he should later make a report at the police station. He said he would call the second defendant as a witness.

The second defendant, who had been outside the court while the first man was giving evidence, told the Magistrate that they were examining the cloth when a crowd of Chinese gathered round them and started to throw stones and create row. They ran up the road with the piece of cloth still in their hands, and waited for the hawk to come along for it, but as the hawk did not come they proceeded on their way to the hospital.

Mr. Lindsell to first defendant: "This is your witness. His story helps your's a lot. You will go to prison for six weeks."

FRENCH TARIFF ON U.S. GOODS.

A WEEK'S GRACE GRANTED.

Paris, Sept. 18.
The *New York Herald* Paris edition learns from the United States Embassy that France has accorded American exporters a week's further respite before the enforcement of the new customs tariff on American goods.—*Reuter.*

known agitator who had escaped, had a marvellous experience. The soldiers bungled his affair and only succeeded in blowing his ear off. He fell stunned, but ten minutes later got up and walked away. The soldiers observing this shouted "It is the will of Heaven" and allowed him to go. Some said it was a put up job.

The executions were carried out publicly in an open space near the Chinese high street. No doubt, in the course of time, executions will be carried out on the Bund of the ex-Concession. It is more open there and there is more room for sight-seers. Besides it will provide opportunity for impressing foreigners with the beauties of Chinese civilization.

HONAN'S UNREST.

THE DOINGS OF THE KUOMINCHUN.

WORST FEARS REALISED.

The following information was given me in an interview with a friend just recently from the Yellow River district, who has first hand knowledge of most recent events, writes the Tientsin correspondent of the *North China Daily News*.

Two months ago the Honanese with mixed feelings of fear and gladness welcomed the Kuominchun to Honan as they entered from the west in the trail of the retreating Ankuochun. It was remembered that four years ago the 1st Army of Feng Yu-shiang gave peace and wrought useful reforms during the time of their occupation but it was also remembered that the 2nd Army before going west to join the Kuominchun two years ago had a bad record to leave behind them. The question in the minds of all was; what sort of general and army is returning to us from the west. Everyone knew quite well also that the Soviet influence was at work in the Kuominchun while they were in the west.

Communist Nationalism.

It was indicated very clearly from the beginning that Communist Nationalism was the character of the new regime, and it was to be enforced by Soviet Bolshevik methods. Secret propaganda had so well done its work beforehand, that as soon as the Kuominchun arrived, from place to place went the new bunting and the new organizations came out into the open. Students and untried youth rushed age and experience to one side. Communist Nationalism began to make itself felt. Schools, public buildings, churches hospitals, foreign compounds foreign homes, (both of the missionary and business community) were freely taken over for use. Hospital medicine and equipment (borrowed and taken away for army use) were looted. Dwelling houses were occupied, others looted. Foreign missionary homes in Siuwei and Taokou were looted. First they were broken into by a few soldiers then afterward looted, in the latter place an army officer with soldiers taking away the contents on a motor truck. In Weihsuei the high school buildings of the Canadian United Church have been taken over for army use. The Changtse men's and women's hospitals were looted.

New Hsien Officials.

New hsien officials (magistrates) were chosen from the people. Inexperience and lack of education were more a qualification than a hindrance. In one case in the Changtse district a man who had not even completed middle school and of no official experience, just because his son was a staff officer in the Kuominchun, and he had been instrumental in the secret propaganda beforehand and also in looting buildings and acquiring property on their arrival, was posted as a Hsien magistrate. How can such an official be effective in enforcing law and order when he himself secured his official position through working deeds of secret looting and devastation? If it is a case of knowing how to carry on revolution and disorder then they have come through the school and the Honanese know what it no longer but have it with them.

A new educational system is being effected. Registration and endowment of schools have been ordered. Sun Yat-sen's Three Principles are necessary in the new curriculum, but students have wide latitude in control.

QUAKES FELT IN CALIFORNIA.

MOUNTAIN RESORTS SHAKEN.

Fresno, Calif., Sept. 18.
Two earthquake shocks were felt in San Joaquin valley, in the vicinity of Fresno, while Bass Lake, Big Creek, and other mountain resorts report severe shocks.

Apparently no damage has been done.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ABERDEEN DOCTOR KIDNAPPED.

LURED ON BOARD A FISHING JUNK.

TWO MEN SENTENCED.

On the pretext that there was a sick person on board a fishing junk lying off Aberdeen who required attention, Dr. Chan Lai-chun, of 114, Main Street, Apichau, was lured on board on the evening of November 19 last year. He was overpowered by two men, who took him away, eventually trying to sell him for \$500 to a gang living at a village near Macao. He was later released on payment of \$1,600.

Two men who were arrested in connexion with the affair, Leung Ping alias Yeung Yip, and Sin Ming, appeared before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, when the Criminal Sessions commenced at the Supreme Court this morning. They were both charged with inducing Dr. Chan to go against his will, and alternatively with forcibly detaining.

In explaining the circumstances, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, prosecuting for the Crown, said that at 5.30 on the afternoon of November 19, last year, a woman, carrying a baby on her back, called at the doctor's house and requested him to go on board a fishing junk to give medical aid to her father-in-law, who was lying seriously ill on board.

The doctor went down to the wharf, escorted by the woman, where he got into a sampan, containing the two prisoners, who rowed him out to a very small junk. He was requested to go on board, which he did. On asking for the patient to be brought, he was informed that the man was too ill to come on deck and it was intimated that the doctor would be required to attend to the man in the hold.

In the hold, Dr. Chan saw a man lying down, covered with a quilt. He appeared to be in pain as he was groaning. The doctor asked the man to put out his hand. The "patient" then threw aside the quilt, grasped the doctor by his coat at the chest with one hand, and showed a revolver in the other.

He was about to cry out when the first prisoner seized him by the throat, at the same time threatening to kill him if he cried out. The "patient" exclaimed "I merely want to borrow \$1,000 odd."

He was then forced to the ground and bound, the second prisoner trying his feet.

The junk then got under way, visiting a number of places, including Cheung Chau, before finally arriving at a Chinese village a short distance from the other side of Macao. At this place the first prisoner went ashore and endeavoured to sell the doctor to a man living in the hills for \$500. Apparently the negotiations came to nothing, for the prisoner returned and the junk sailed on to another place, where another gang was met with. Negotiations were opened and it would appear that the first prisoner came to terms with the leader. The doctor was told to write letters to his home asking for ransom, and eventually his brother went to the place to see what could be done. There seemed to be a good deal of trouble, added Mr. Fitzroy, the leader of the gang being murdered by the doctor of another. Eventually, however, the sum of \$1,600 ransom was paid and the doctor was released, after which he made his way back to Hongkong.

The first prisoner was arrested in Macao, and the second man was found to be already serving a sentence in Victoria gaol for another offence. Both men were picked out at an identification parade by Dr. Chan.

In giving evidence corroborating Mr. Fitzroy's outline, Dr. Chan said the first prisoner said "Don't you know that I am a robber?" Sub-inspector Chester Woods gave evidence of raiding an unnumbered junk at Cheung Chau on June 4, and of arresting the second prisoner, who was "one of seven on board. He was sentenced by the Magistrate of that district to three months' hard labour in respect of an entirely different matter to the present charge.

Both prisoners were sentenced to ten years' hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. His Lordship further sentenced them to 24 strokes of the birch.

PLANE TRAGEDY.

SEVEN PASSENGERS KILLED.

AN EXPERIENCED PILOT.

New Brunswick, N.J., Sept. 18.
A giant Fokker aeroplane, handled by an inexperienced pilot and mechanic, crashed, killing both, as well as five out of ten passengers who had taken passages on a flat charge of one cent a pound.

This offer had attracted more business than was expected, consequently a Fokker which was not in the regular passenger service was engaged. The pilot is alleged to have been unfamiliar with this type of machine, while the mechanic was a motor-car repairer.

The aeroplane, however, made fairly successful trips with eight passengers each time. The pilot found on his return that a hundred persons were still waiting in a queue, so he crowded ten instead of eight into the fuselage for his fifth excursion.

The machine rose, but before it had gone far the engine misfired, and the Fokker fell 300 feet into an apple orchard at New market.

The five occupants who were not killed were injured, but have a fighting chance of recovery.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EXTENSIVE FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

EFFECT OF EXCESSIVE RAINFALL.

London, Sept. 18.

On the fifth day in succession, very heavy rain fell yesterday, over the greater part of the central and southern counties of England. Flooding has occurred at several places. The Thames rose five feet in two days, and the total rainfall for the five days largely exceeds what is the normal fall for the whole of September in most of the central and southern counties.

In the Avon Valley, the river overflowed its banks, and the lower storeys of many houses had to be vacated.

Considerable areas of meadowland were converted into lakes. Fruit, root, and cereal crops suffered, and some sheep and cattle were drowned.—*British Wireless.*

CIVIC VISIT TO ROME.

LONDON'S LORD MAYOR

London, Sept. 18.

At the invitation of Rome, the Lord Mayor of London, accompanied by his wife and two new sheriffs, will pay an official visit to Rome on October 1.

The Lord Mayor has in the past officially visited Paris and Brussels, but this is the first time a civic party will have ever visited Rome.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN BANK TRUST.

EYES ON CANADIAN STOCKS.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.

The soaring prices of Canadian Bank stocks lends support to the rumour that a huge investment trust has been formed in New York to buy Canadian bank stocks, to secure control of the Canadian banks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HUNGARY AND RUMANIA.

LEAGUE TAKES UP ISSUE.

London, Sept. 18.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has postponed his departure from Geneva for his yachting cruise in the Mediterranean, in the hope that an agreement may be reached on an important question at issue between Hungary and Rumania.—*British Wireless.*

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CHINA WAR.

PEKING OFFER.

Peking, Sept. 17. It is reliably reported that the Central Government has promised Chin Yun-ao, through his delegate in Peking, an influential position in Honan if he succeeds in eliminating the Kuominchun from Southern Honan.

The latest Chinese reports from Honan state that Chin Yun-ao has suffered a reverse in the neighbourhood of Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

Northerners Retreat.

Nanking, Sept. 17. The Northerners are reported to have retreated to the neighbourhood of Mingkwang.—*Naval Wireless*.

Chin Yun-ao Defeated.

Peking, Sept. 18. Reports from Honan have been very contradictory but it now appears definite that Chin Yun-ao has been defeated and driven from the railway toward Shangtsai and Chowkiako where he is negotiating for assistance from the northerners, and subordinates of the late Tien Wei-chun whom Feng Yu-hsiang executed recently. The military conference held last week is believed to have decided on an expedition against Feng Yu-hsiang and has also granted supplies, ammunition and money to Sun Chuan-fang who is still full of fight, despite his recent reverse and who is expected at Pengpu shortly.—*Reuter*.

Capture of MuYang.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The vanguard of the 14th Nationalist army on the Lungshai line claims to have captured MuYang yesterday. The 31st Nationalist Army has arrived at Hanchiu. Linshiu (near Antung) is now reported to have already fallen into the hands of the 18th Nationalist Army and part of the 14th Army forces.

The 7th and 40th Nationalist Armies have captured Minkwan and the 37th Army has captured Lin Hui. In the confusion of its hasty retreat, Sun Chuan-fang's army abandoned ten locomotives and 150 cars.

It is reported that the 18th Nationalist army captured Suchien on the 16th inst. The Nationalist forces are at present resting and are not expected to push any further until their reinforcements arrive.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

Soldiers Raid Town.

A small town three miles up the river was looted on Wednesday. It is believed the 6th Army was responsible.—*Naval Wireless*.

Ichang, Sept. 17.

The situation is quiet, but some difficulty is being experienced over the loading of British steamers.—*Naval Wireless*.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.

There is nothing to report from here or the Yangtze ports. The situation remains quiet at Chungking.—*Naval Wireless*.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

INCITING SOLDIERS TO INSUBORDINATION.

Paris, Sept. 18. Heavy sentences were meted out to seven Communists, who were accused of inciting soldiers to insubordination.

M. Belanger, former manager of the *Humanite*, was sentenced to ten years; M. Say, present manager of the *Humanite*, to eight years; M. Michelet, manager of the newspaper *Aube Sociale*, six years; M. Mousseau, secretary of the left wing of the Labour Federation, and Deputy M. Clamamus, four years each; M. Couthillas, editor of the newspaper *Vie Ouvriere*, and M. Joseph, editor of the *Aube Sociale*, three years each.

All the accused were fined 3,000 Francs.—*Reuter*.

THE LEAGUE.

A PUBLIC SESSION.

Geneva, Sept. 17. The new Council of the League held its first meeting privately this morning under the presidency of the Chilean delegate, China having provisionally renounced the presidency.

A proposal by Sir Austen Chamberlain on the question of a reduction of the number of the Council's sessions, was adjourned until December.

Subsequently a public session was held and was largely attended by the public. Sir Austen Chamberlain read the report of the Committee on the Rumania and Hungarian dispute with regard to the properties of Hungarians in Transylvania, recommending equality of Rumanians and Hungarians in Transylvania under agrarian laws.

Count Apponyi (Hungary) proposed that the question be referred to the International Court of Justice at the Hague. He declared that the Committee's recommendations were unacceptable to Hungary.

Herr Stresemann supported Count Apponyi, but Sir Austen Chamberlain upheld the justice and validity of the Committee's ruling.

The discussion was adjourned.—*Reuter*.

States in Arrear.

Geneva, Sept. 17. The report of the League Financial Committee shows that the arrears of contributions of six states, members of the League, total 7,878,000 gold Francs.

The Committee passed a resolution inviting the Secretary General of the League to continue negotiations with the Chinese Government with a view to an arrangement for ensuring a final settlement of its arrears, and also to take steps with regard to other states in arrears.—*Reuter*.

TO BE REJECTED?

FRENCH TARIFF PROPOSALS TO AMERICA.

Washington, Sept. 17. Although no word has been forthcoming from the State Department with regard to the probable reply America will make to the French Tariff Note which is still withheld from publication, it is a foregone conclusion that the French idea of a give-and-take agreement will be definitely rejected.

It has occurred to some observers that it might be possible to increase duties on French products under flexible provisions of the Tariff Act and then negotiate with France for a reciprocal adjustment.—*Reuter*.

TYPHOON HAVOC.

JAPANESE FISHING FLEET SUNK.

Tokyo, Sept. 17. A delayed official report states that 114 fishing boats were capsized off Amakusa Island, during the recent typhoon. There are 70 fishermen missing.—*Reuter*.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

FELT THROUGHOUT THE CRIMEA.

Moscow, Sept. 17. Further earthquake shocks were felt throughout the Crimea. Slight damage was caused at Simferopol and Sebastopol and a rock known as the "Prophet Elias" was dislodged at Sebastopol.—*Reuter*.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

SUICIDAL TO CONTINUE.

London, Sept. 17. McIntosh had covered 300 miles in three and a half hours in driving rain mist when a gale forced the abandonment of the flight half an hour after crossing Aran Islands. The airmen were unable to keep their true compass course and decided it was suicidal to continue. The machine was at once forced down to within 50 feet of the water. They emptied from the petrol tank 350 gallons and, thus lightened, succeeded in reaching the coast, but low-lying clouds forced them to follow the coastline 30 feet above the water. Finally they managed to enter the Shannon Estuary and landed on the sands. The machine was not damaged.—*Reuter*.

Six Hours in Air.

London, Sept. 17. Captain McIntosh and Commander Fitzmaurice, who started yesterday on an attempt to fly across the Atlantic from East to West, abandoned the flight after spending six hours in the air. Having passed over the west coast of Ireland, they continued to fly out to sea for two hours, but the pilots were unable to make headway against a strong wind. It was raining very heavily and visibility was so poor that at last they were compelled to fly at a height of only fifty feet above the water. After repeated attempts to overcome the obstacles of wind and weather, McIntosh reluctantly decided to return to the Irish coast. The machine landed at the mouth of the Shannon. Both airmen were safe.—*British Wireless*.

GERMAN EFFORT.

To Fly to Japan and Back.

Cologne, Sept. 17. The airman Otto Kornecke, having abandoned his flight to Philadelphia, has decided to fly to Japan and back via the Black Sea, Asia Minor, Basra, Calcutta and Hongkong, returning from Japan via Siberia and Russia. The decision has been hailed throughout Germany as a further proof of German prowess in the air. The original machine for the Atlantic flight, a Caspar biplane called "Germania," will be used with the same equipment.—*Reuter*.

SPECIAL BANK.

TO BE ESTABLISHED IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Sept. 17. As a result of the conference between the Governor of the Bank of Japan and representatives of the Mitsui, Fuyo, Bishu, Yasuda and Sumitomo Banks, it has been agreed to establish a special bank for the purpose of accelerating the readjustment of the banks which were closed at the time of the financial panic in April. The new organ will be called the Showa Bank and will amalgamate not only with the closed Banks but also with a few others.

The Bank of Japan has agreed to make advances at low interest to the new bank, which will be capitalised at twenty million yen, of which six million will be offered to public subscription.—*Reuter*.

New York, Sept. 17. In response to an invitation from prominent Japanese banking and governmental friends, the banker Mr. Lamont, of Messrs. Morgan's, is sailing for Japan to-day. It is stated that no loan operations or business negotiations are contemplated.—*Reuter's American Service*.

IRISH ELECTIONS.

NECK AND NECK RACE.

Dublin, Sept. 17. No striking changes emerged from the earliest results of the elections. Mr. Cosgrave headed the poll at Cork with 17,395 votes, the Republican French being second with 11,608. Dublin up to the present has returned three Government members, including Mr. Mulcahy; two Republicans, including Mr. Lamass; de Valera's party agent, and one Independent, Mr. Larkin, a Labour member.—*Reuter*.

Government Leading.

London, Sept. 17. The task of counting the votes in the Irish Free State general election is proceeding and last night thirty-two candidates were declared elected. They comprised fourteen Government candidates, ten Republican, five Independent and two National League and one Independent Labour.

Mr. Cosgrave headed the poll in Cork City. A fourth of the results will be known to-night, and by Monday or Tuesday results will probably be complete.—*British Wireless*.

Neck and Neck.

Dublin, Sept. 18. The two main parties continue neck and neck. The elected candidates include Mr. de Valera, Mr. Redmond and Mrs. Collins Driscoll, a sister of the late Mr. Michael Collins. Up to the present the Government have secured 38 seats, the Republicans 36, Labour 9 and the other parties 12. Mr. Cosgrave, standing for two constituencies, headed the poll at Carlow, Kilkenny, with 13,950 constituents, headed the poll at votes.—*Reuter*.

NOT TO STAND.

DEMOCRAT WILL OPPOSE GOVERNOR SMITH.

Washington, Sept. 17. Mr. William McAdoo has stated that he will not stand as the Democratic's nomination for the Presidency, declaring in a letter to Mr. F. Milton, the Chattanooga newspaper publisher, that a repetition of the disastrous fight of 1924 at the New York Convention where the prolonged deadlock between Governor Smith of New York and Mr. McAdoo disrupted the party, would be calamitous. Mr. McAdoo's declaration is regarded by political experts as enhancing the prospects of the nomination of Governor Smith. Mr. McAdoo indicated that he would oppose Smith's candidature, and, evidently referring to the proposals to legalise the sale of wine and beer, declared that the struggle for the preservation of the Constitution must be carried on.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BOMB CAUSES FIRE.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE BALKANS.

Berlin, Sept. 17. From Belgrade it is reported that seven were killed and seven injured by the explosion of a bomb at the New Belgrade Hotel at the small town of Grevyski, between Nish and Salonika. The hotel, which was the headquarters of the Democratic party, was set on fire by the explosion, flames spreading to two other hotels. It is believed that the outrage was due to political motives.—*Reuter*.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

TO MARRY AGAIN.

Shanghai Sept. 17. It is reliably reported that General Chiang Kai-shek is marrying Mal-ling Soong, a Wellesley graduate and sister of Mr. T. V. Soong and Mrs. Sun Yat-sen.—*Reuter*.

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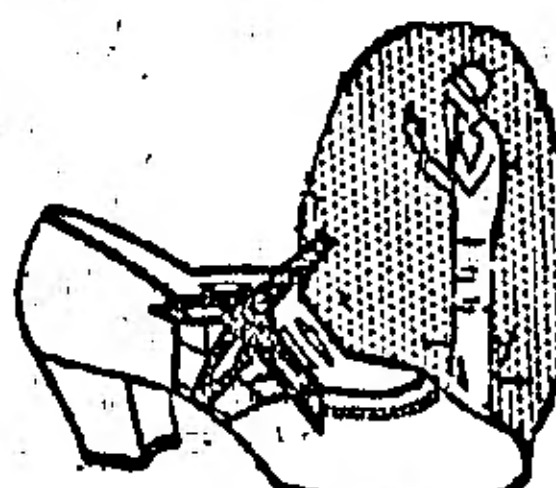
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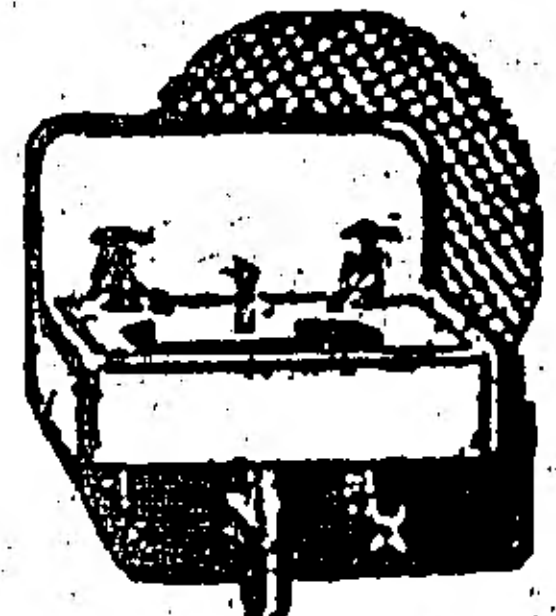
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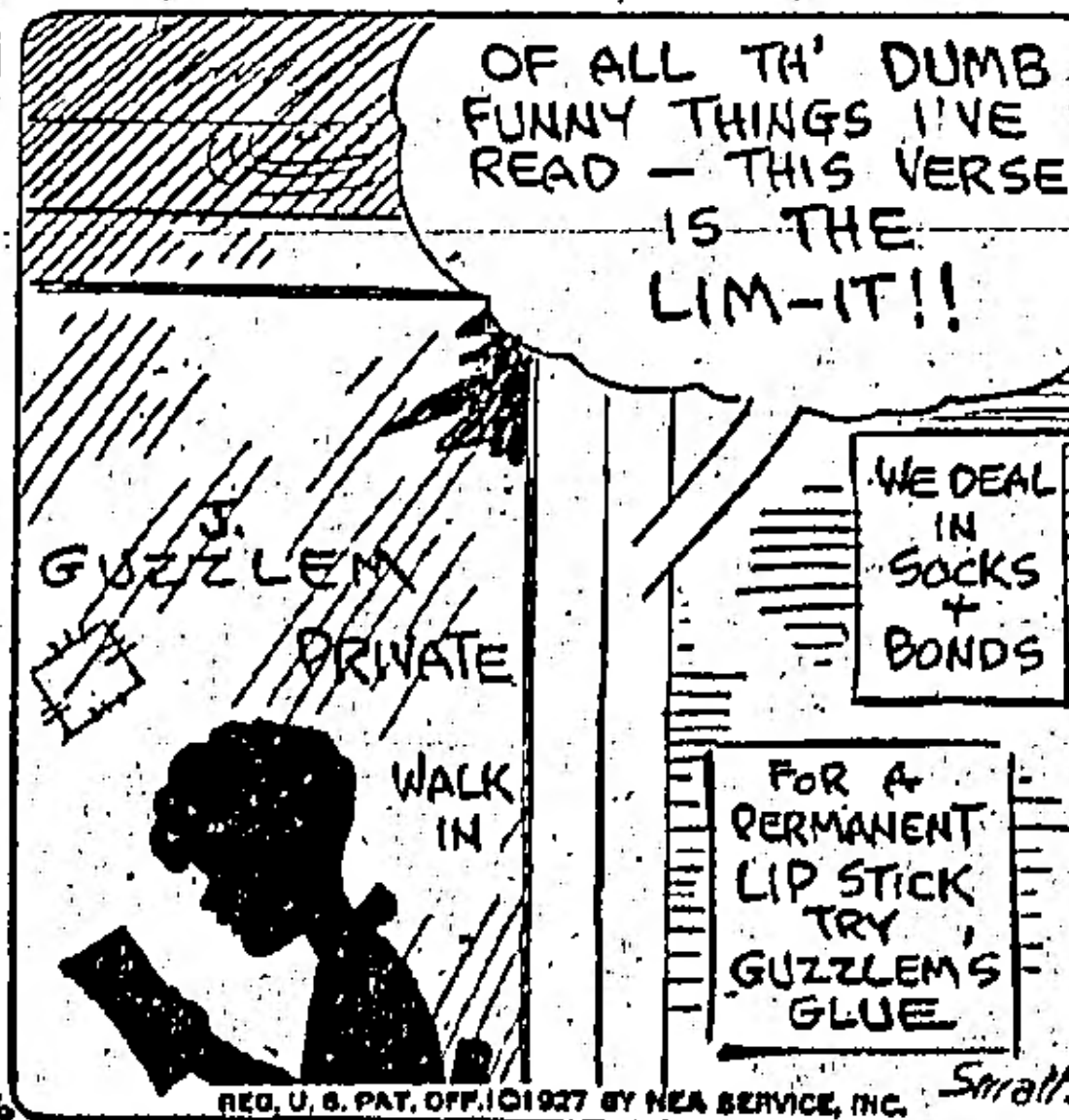
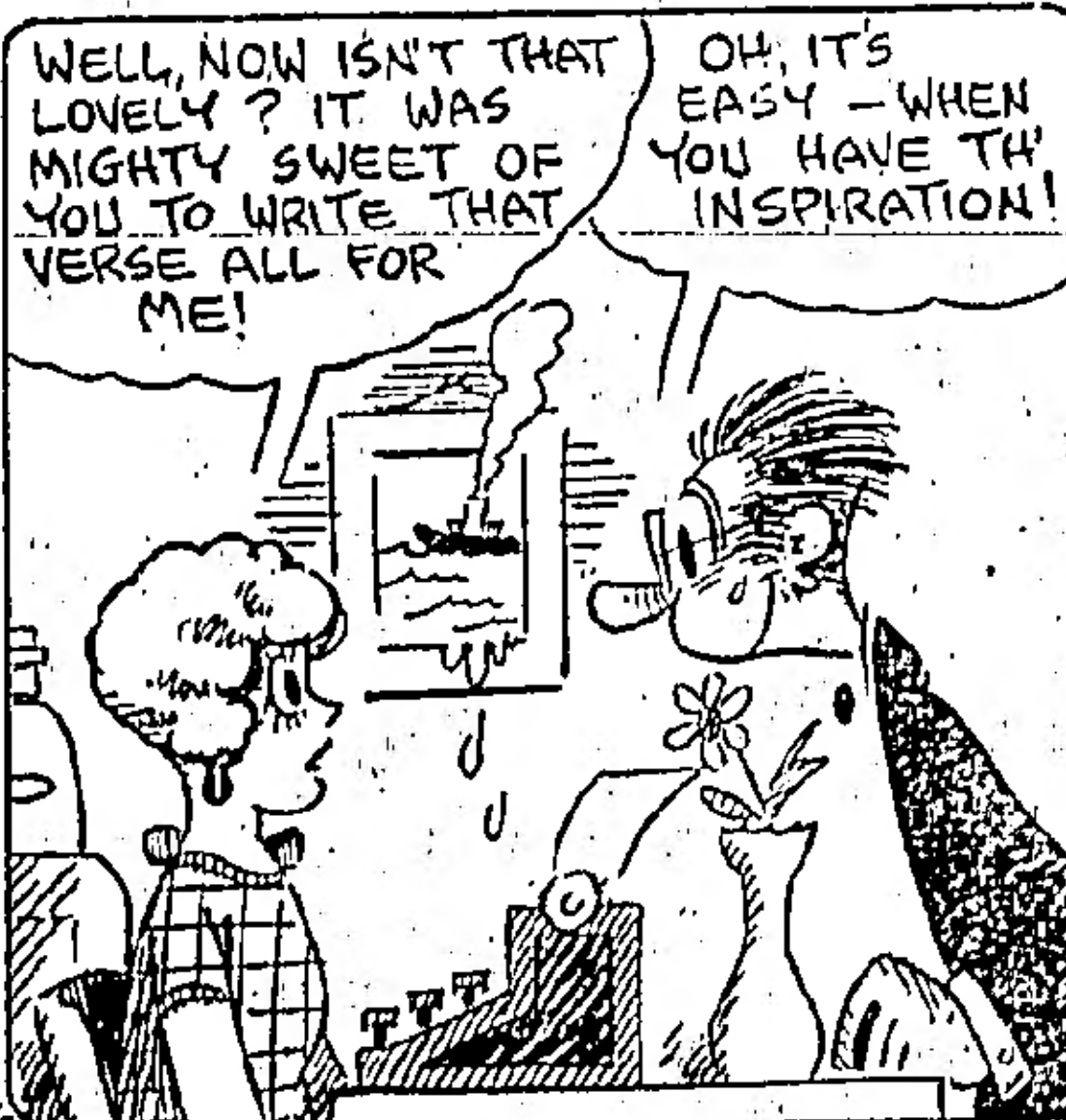
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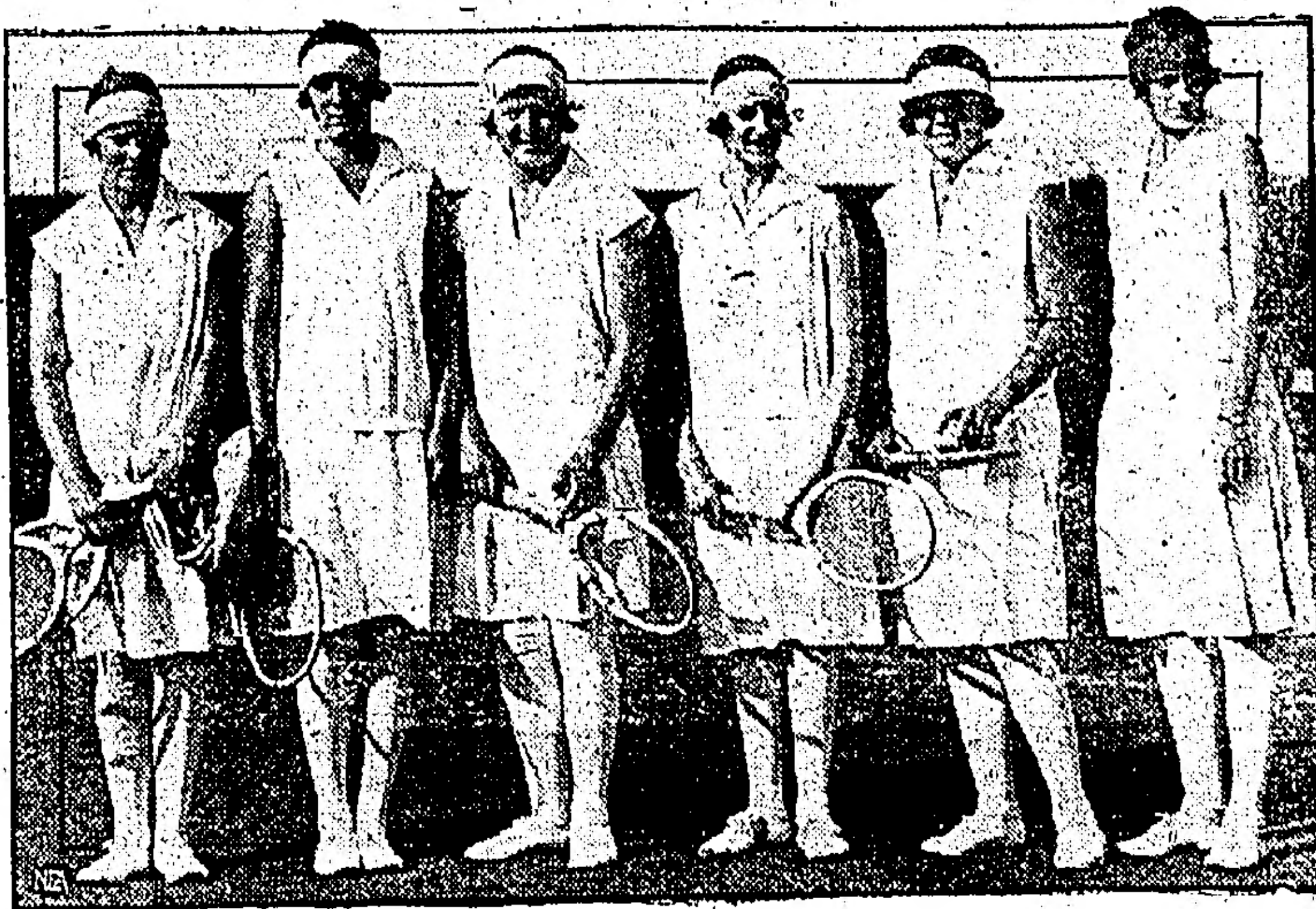


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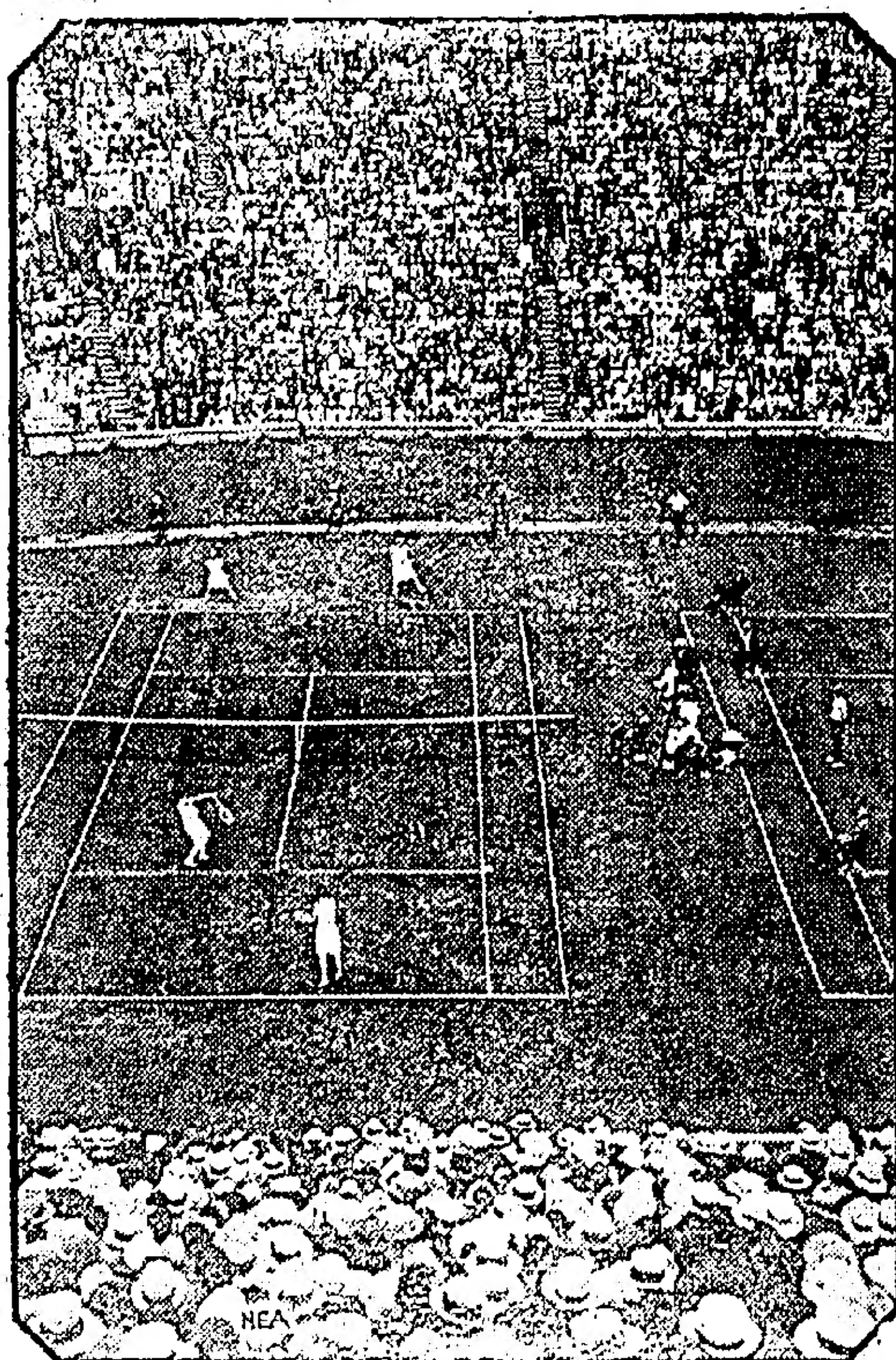
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THE WIGHTMAN CUP—America's doubles team beat England's team in a match that followed taking of this photograph. Reading left to right are Mrs. Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, donor of the trophy, Helen Wills (the American team), Miss E. H. Harvey and Mrs. Kitty McKane Godfree.



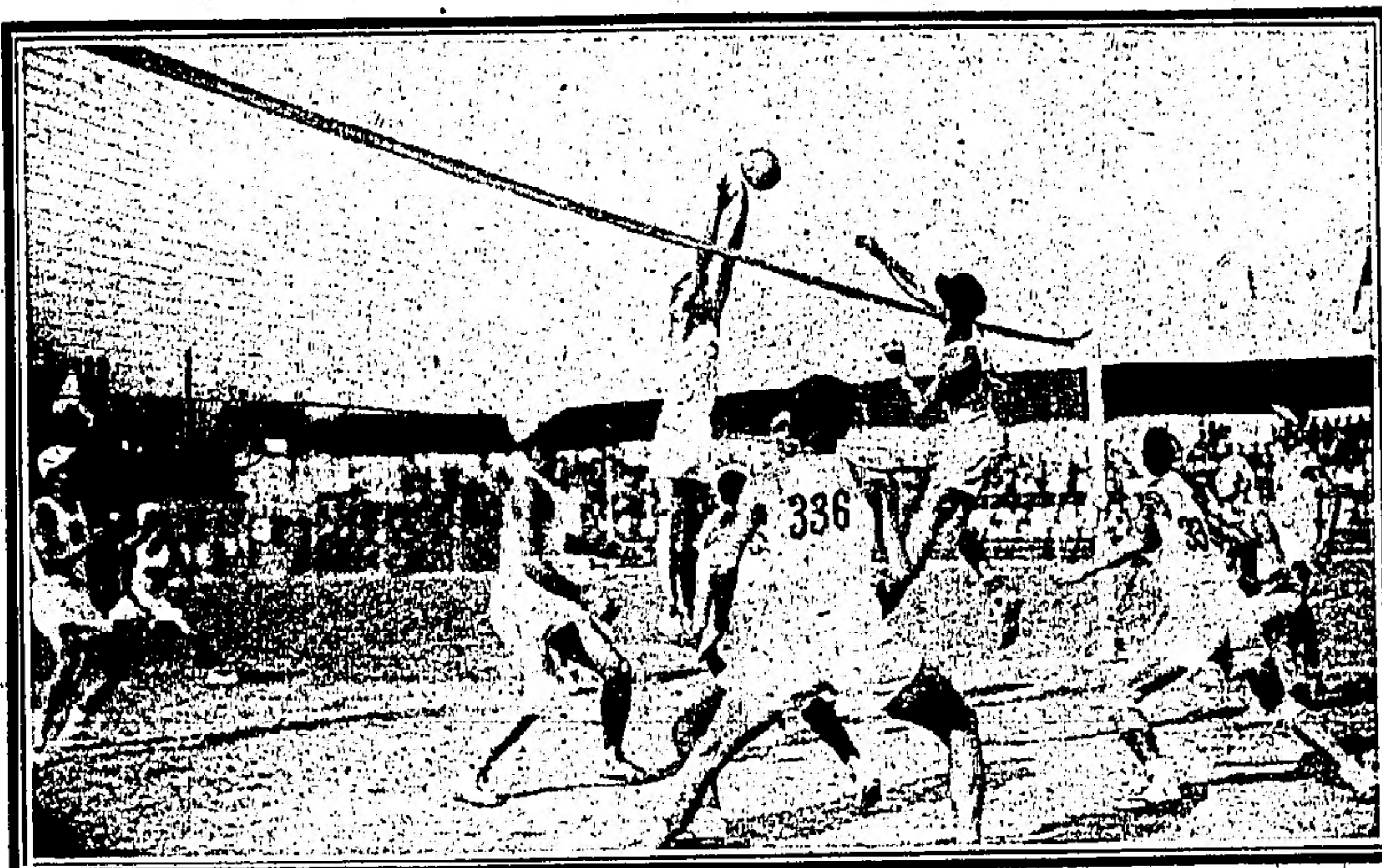
BRITAIN'S TEAM FOR THE TROPHY—On the courts at Forest Hills, N. Y., these pretty stars of the English women's tennis team were photographed as they started practice for the Wightman Cup matches. Left to right: Gwendolyn Sterry, Joan Fry, Betty Nuthall, Kitty McKane Godfree, Mrs. John P. Hill and Emyrtrude Harvey.



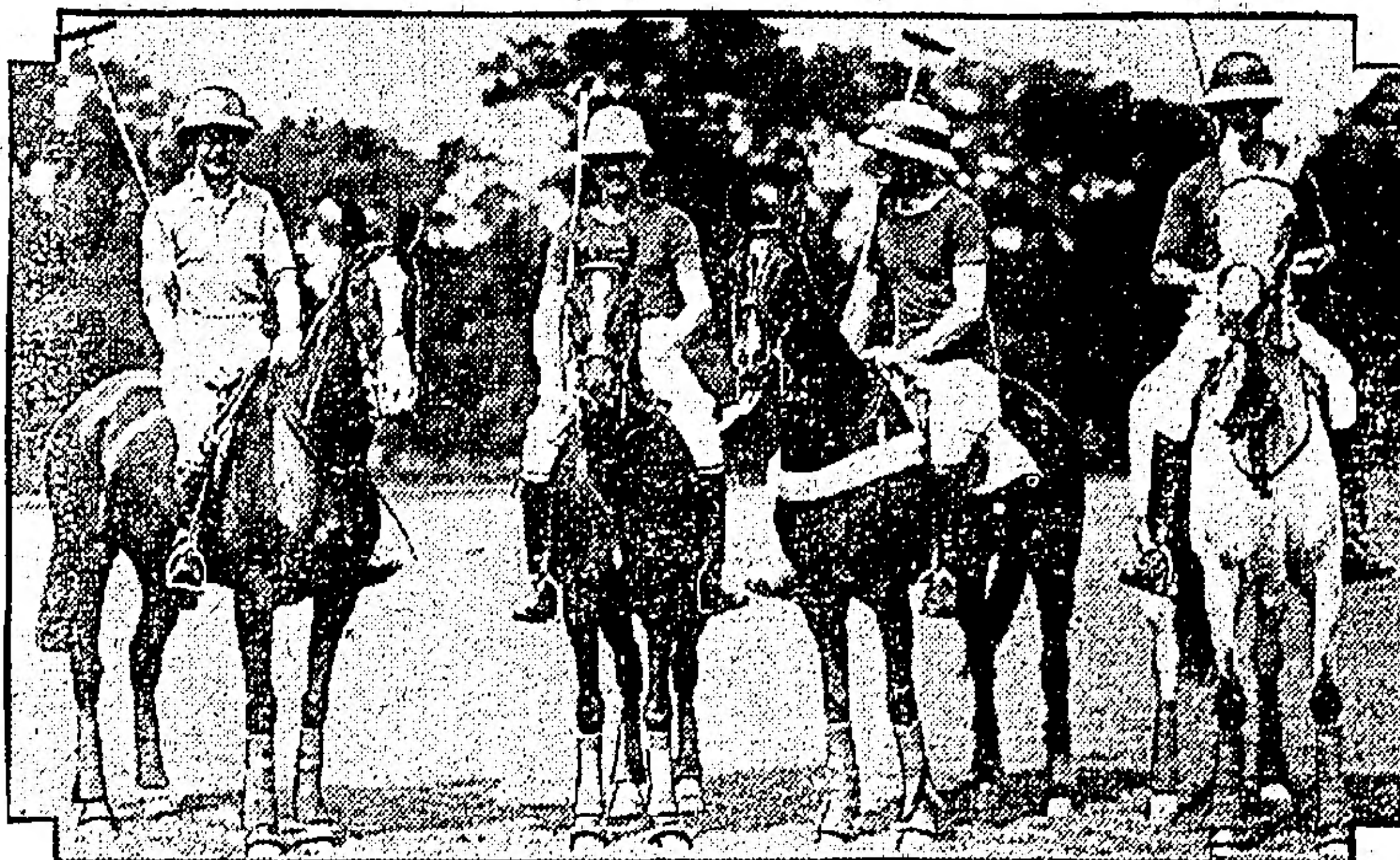
CONTEST FOR THE CUP—A striking scene from the doubles match won by American stars, Mrs. Wightman and Miss Wills, shown in the background.



THE "INFANTS"—Here are the two infants on the Wightman Cup matches, played recently at Forest Hills, N. Y. Miss Betty Nuthall, left, winner over Miss Helen Jacobs, right.



FOR EASTERN OLYMPIAD—The game of volleyball has taken a firm grip on the sporting bodies in the Far East and a championship for the same was included in this year's Far Eastern Olympic Games and was carried off by China. The above picture gives a fairly good idea of the strenuous nature of the play.



HEADS UP!—This was the warning to America's "Big Four" from the crack English Army polo team with which it had to match speed and skill in the international matches at Meadowbrook. Here are Britishers resting after stiff practice on the Meadowbrook field at Westbury, Long Island: (left to right) Captain J. P. Denning; Captain C. T. I. Roark; Major A. H. Williams, and Capt C. E. Pert.



AMERICA'S BEST BETS—They know their mallets, do these crack polo shots of the American "Big Four." And they were keen that the victory should be Uncle Sam's in their matches at Westbury, Long Island, with the British Army team. Beside their favourite ponies, left to right, are: Davereux Milburn, J. D. Cowdin, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., and Winston Quest. As recent cables reported, they won the Westchester Cup.

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A NOVEL EVENT.

Thrills of excitement with interludes of ecstasy, are scarcely to be expected at a mouth organ contest, but recently there was an unmistakable evidence of these experiences among the few hundred men who gathered in the saloon of the City Hall, Glasgow, to witness the first Scottish Mouth Organ Championship.

The event (writes a correspondent) marked a new era in musical festivals, and could hardly be compared with any other competition promoted for the advancement of melody. The audience consisted for the most part of men who sat with their caps on and smoked when so inclined. In criticism they were frank and outspoken, and tremendously enthusiastic when thrilled.

For long most parents have regarded the mouth organ—which has often come to the home through an offspring winning a race at a Sunday school trip—as a disturber of domestic tranquillity, but after hearing Saturday's contest it must be admitted that in the hands of the expert the little wind instrument can claim to touch the soul, aflame the heart, and create that abandon for riotous joy.

The keen observer noted during the forty attempts for the coveted prize that the correct holding of the instrument was necessary to acquiring technique in the art. For instance, one stout competitor made a huge bite at his little harmonica and so held his hands that a pair of sparkling eyes, a perspiring forehead, and a vibrating chin were the only facial features shown as he reproduced Scottish songs with great gusto, to the steady beat of a heavy foot.

Endowed with smaller hands, another entrant encircled his instrument to bring forth a fluty sound, and by swaying his head and body, after the manner of a flamboyant violinist, he aroused the unbounded joy and admiration of the audience. A storm of applause and whistling greeted his effort, but he failed to impress the judges.

"Home, Sweet Home," 100 Times. Again there was the artist of the retiring disposition, who blushing from his debut and found the staccato best suited for his quick-beating pulse. Another, curiously enough, appeared to hold his thumbs to his ears and with amazing rapidity slip his mouth backwards and forwards across the keyboard, which he held lightly between the second fingers.

The flowing locks of the musician were also to be seen, while the gracious bow of the competitors in acknowledgment of their reception was something long to be remembered.

That "lightful national air, "Home, Sweet Home," was the test piece, and more than 100 times it was played during the two sessions. First of all the simple melody was wanted, then with embellishments, before the player was allowed to burst into his own repertoire.

There were forty inter-pretations of what home is like between Grantown-on-Spey and Kirkcubright, and it was little wonder that the judges (who were screened during the performance) took fully twenty minutes to compare notes and classify the winners.

Each player reflected a distinct home atmosphere and environment. One pictured, at times, an ideal sleepy little house on a hillside where sentiment and motherly love reigned, as contrasted with a congested but-and-ben, redolent with brotherly love and a termagant's command. To some, home appeared to be an expressionless place with no appeal, but to others it reeked with pathos, sorrow, joy and laughter.

There was an American modernity about some players which revealed home as an institution of jazz and syncopation.

The Verdict. After the last contestant had left the platform the audience discussed rather loudly the respective merits of the players, and latterly demanded the verdict.

A Glasgow ex-Service man named A. Miller was declared the winner of the silver cup and three guineas, which was presented by the Hohner Harmonica Guild, who promoted the tournament. Miller is a disabled soldier, and he told the audience that when he lost his "Parish" and "burro" money, he resorted to playing his mouth organ on the streets of the city to earn a living.

The second prize of a gold medal and two guineas went to a Glasgow labourer named J. Andrews, and the third prize, consisting of a silver medal and one guinea, was won by J. Calder, a Dalkeith railway shunter. Consolation prizes of half a guinea were distributed to A. Wright, a Dalbeattie bus driver, and G. Petrigrey, a Kilmarnock weighing clerk.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Deliverable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:—French Indo-China, province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kowloon, Macau, Kwongchowwan, Port Bayard, Wuchow, and Hoihow. Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, G. P. O. Building.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	To	Day	Time
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Sept. 19	5 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	Sept. 20	10 p.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Sept. 20	10 p.m.
Formosa	Tikarung	Sept. 20	10 p.m.
Straits	Van Overstraten	Sept. 20	10 p.m.
Straits	Hosang	Sept. 22	10 p.m.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	Sept. 23	10 p.m.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II.	Sept. 27	10 p.m.

AT LEE THEATRE.

A PLEASING PROGRAMME.

In view of the inclement weather, it was gratifying to see a larger audience at the Lee Theatre on Saturday night for the performance by the Oriental Strolling Players and the Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment. Excellent fare was provided, the audience not being slow to register its appreciation.

The Strolling Players appeared to have settled down to their respective roles, and the whole show went with a swing, the various items being capably presented.

The Band thoroughly upheld its reputation, the insistent applause resulting in several encores. All lovers of really good band music should avail themselves of the opportunity and privilege of hearing such a talented company of musicians.

It was inadvertently advertised in this morning's newspapers that a performance would be given to-night. This is in error, the theatre having been previously engaged. The new programme will commence from to-morrow, Tues. y.

MALAYAN ADOPTION BILL.

CHINESE OBJECTIONS RAISED.

The objections of the Hokkien community to the proposed F.M.S. Enactment to make better provision for the adoption of children by members of the Chinese race were defined at a meeting at Ipoh on Sunday of last week, when it was resolved that a letter should be sent to the Chief Secretary, through the Protector of Chinese, Perak, requesting the Government to "withhold the introduction of the Bill of Chinese Adoption, a draft of which was published in the F.M.S. Government Gazette dated Aug. 5, 1927, into the Federal Council until such sections of the Chinese community as are affected by the proposed Bill have had an opportunity of presenting their views to the Government."

According to the Times of Malaya, the clause most disliked by the Chinese is that having regard to the compulsory registration of the child to be adopted. Their contention against this is that in the course of time the child adopted would be able to ascertain its origin—which is exactly what they do not want their adopted children to know.

HOME ICE-CREAM SCARE.

MAKERS COMPLAIN OF FALL IN SALES.

Ice-cream manufacturers and vendors in different parts of the country complain of reduced sales since the "scare" which followed the epidemic ascribed to food poisoning in the Bath district, says a London paper of mail week.

Discussing the position yesterday, a director of one of the largest firms of ice-cream manufacturers in the country said: "In the case of large manufacturers all the ingredients employed in making ice-cream are analysed before use. The practice of pasteurising the ingredients also limits the possibility of bacteria. Bacteria, however, can only get into ice-cream through some specific reason, for instance, if the holding vessels are not spotless. Contamination may also arise when ice-cream is made near exposed drains. A danger that applies to the smaller ice-cream vendor who sells ice-wafers and cornets is that the ice-cream is exposed to the air."

The Ministry of Health, it is understood, are taking no further steps in the matter, as they consider that the present methods of making ice-cream comply with reasonable hygienic principles.

MALARIA RESEARCH.

APPEAL FOR THE ROSS INSTITUTE.

The Duchess of Portland on behalf of the Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Putney Heath, S.W.15, of which she is President, broadcasted from Nottingham recently, the following being part of her message:

"I am appealing to-night for support for work which, although not popularly appreciated, is, without doubt, of the greatest importance to the development of the British Empire. You think of the Tropics as unhealthy and uncomfortable areas. That is quite true, but on investigation you will find that a large proportion of your income comes directly or indirectly from business done in or with the Tropics. It is from there that our tea, coffee, cocoa, rice, fruits, and spices come to us, and much raw material for our manufacturers. I am sure that everyone desires that the native races governed by us in these unhealthy areas shall benefit by every discovery in medical science that will promote their welfare and lessen preventable sickness and death, and that our sons and daughters, who work in the Tropics, shall not return, as is so often the case, broken in health, due to malaria and other tropical diseases. Several million deaths every year are caused directly or indirectly by malaria, and the death-rate in malarial countries is double that in which there is no malaria. The Ross Institute for Research and Hospital for Tropical Diseases is situated in ideal surroundings at Putney Heath, and is concentrating on medical research work in the prevention and treatment of tropical diseases, and striving to stamp out malaria. Last year the Ross Institute was officially opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

"Sir Ronald Ross, who when a major in the Indian Medical Service, in 1898, in Calcutta made one of the greatest discoveries in medical science, which has saved incalculable numbers of lives. Ross, after prolonged research, discovered that if the female mosquito sucked the blood of an individual with malaria it drew into its stomach with the blood minute parasites that abound in malarial patients. These underwent development in the mosquito which became a carrier and spread the disease. The secret of malaria and its prevention, hidden for ages, was thus revealed. Now you will understand why this Institute was named after such a wonderful man. It is a lasting memorial to one who has done so much for your nation and humanity. It has no endowment, and I most earnestly appeal for your support, however small it may be. I also appeal to those who can afford to do so, and surely they must be very numerous, to give us their generous support. We need a quarter of a million pounds as endowment, and funds to build more laboratories, additional wards and private rooms for patients. Your help to this Institute would benefit millions of people. The Institute gives facilities to medical men and others from the Tropics to carry out researches in tropical diseases.

George Watson, aged seventy-two, was charged, at Middlesex Sessions with breaking and entering the church of St. Mary, Pottery Bar, and stealing eightpence. A detective read out a record of convictions against Watson dating from 1890. Sir Montagu Sharpe said this record showed that the man had, in addition to other terms of imprisonment, spent twenty years in penal servitude. Watson's last sentence of five years was given him at that Court in 1923, but the Court of Criminal Appeal reduced it to three years. "If it had not been reduced," said Sir Montagu, "he could not have committed the offence." Sir Montagu sentenced the man to penal servitude for five years.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

RAW AND SMOKED MEAT LEAD TO TAPEWORM.

VALUE OF COOKING.

The form of tapeworm that is associated with the eating of raw meat is perhaps the most common type seen in this country. One clinic reports seeing from 10 to 15 patients each year who suffer from this disorder. Most of the patients were foreign-born and of the type that eats more smoked meat, uncooked sausage and raw meat than do Americans.

Among the most common symptoms of tapeworm are loss of appetite, unusual desires for peculiar foods, extraordinary flow of saliva, headache, irregular actions of the bowels and itching of the nose and of the other orifices of the body.

Although it is a common superstition that persons with tapeworm have a ravenous appetite, these patients did not appear to suffer unduly with a desire for food. The symptoms, in general, are rather mild, so that in many cases the patient himself was ignorant of the fact that he had a tapeworm until the physician discovered the presence of the parasite accidentally.

In the treatment for tapeworm, it is customary to give the patient no luncheon nor supper on the day preceding the treatment, but black coffee, tea or water may be taken freely. At six o'clock on the day previous to treatment, he is given a large dose of epsom salts, and at six o'clock in the morning of the treatment day, another dose. He is not permitted to take breakfast, but after having had an action of the intestines, is given a drug which has the specific properties of killing the tapeworm.

Since the head of the worm is the part which propagates and grows, thorough examinations are made repeatedly of the excretions of the body to determine when the head has been discharged. When this is accomplished, the patient may be considered as rid of his infestation.

HONGKONG AND SINGAPORE.

LOSSES AND GAINS IN SHIPPING.

It appears from the tonnage reports of Hongkong and Singapore for 1926 that what the former lost in the way of shipping owing to the anti-British boycott was gained by the latter, to the extent that Singapore, for the first time may believe in its history, eclipsed Hongkong as one of the world's greatest ports, says the China Express.

This she did to the tune of no less than 3,887,615 tons. While Singapore's tonnage increased by 2,957,412, as compared with 1925, that of Hongkong, in a period during which the full effect of the boycott was felt, decreased by 4,648,220 tons. The totals for the two ports respectively were: Singapore, 40,708,979; Hongkong, 36,821,364. It is noteworthy that in Singapore, whereas Dutch, British, Japanese and Norwegian shipping in the order named greatly increased their tonnage, and the only conspicuous decrease in merchant tonnage was that of American, in Hongkong no less than 80 per cent. of the falling off was in respect of foreign shipping. Yet, in spite of the boycott, British ocean going tonnage actually disclosed no material falling off, so that the decrease was probably due to the banning of Hongkong as a port of call by the boycotters and the consequent temporary diversion of foreign shipping to the inconvenient port of Canton.

OUT OF WORK.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MR. R. M. CASTRO.

The public examination of Mr. Richard Maurice Castro took place on Saturday in the Bankruptcy Court. Debtor stated that his debts were principally comprised of loans from money lenders, medical and chemist bills.

Debtor had been in the employ of Messrs. Arnold Bros., the Columbia Shipping Company, the Godown Company, accountant with Mr. Goldring (solicitor), the police force as an interpreter and constable and for some time he had been a pianist at Macao.

His last position was as tally clerk in the Godown Company, but debtor stated that he had to leave on account of ill-health. He was suffering from heart and tubercular troubles.

In reply to the Official Receiver, debtor said he had had to leave the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company on account of retrenchment owing to strike and boycott effects.

Known to Judge.

Questions as regards debtor's other changes of employment were cut short by the judge, who stated that Mr. Castro was known to him. His Lordship expressed the view that no useful purpose could be served by such questions.

Debtor explained that he had ten children and had applied in several directions for employment. He was unsuccessful and was living on the support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as well as receiving some financial aid from a stepson.

Regarding debts incurred, debtor stated that most of them could be attributed to household and family expenses. There had been several medical bills for attendances on himself and other members of the household.

Jewellery and Photograph.

The Official Receiver referred to items for jewellery, one of which, debtor stated, was for a wedding present to his sister-in-law and another for a present to his wife.

Asked when he thought he would be in a position to meet some of his obligations, debtor said that he was making every endeavour to obtain employment. He would pay back as much as he could when he could find work.

The only creditor who appeared when His Lordship asked if there were any claimants in court was a photographer, who claimed \$10.

Asked by His Lordship how he justified such an expenditure, debtor said that he had had his photograph taken before he got into his present difficulties. The examination was then concluded.

THE L.O.N. EASTERN BUREAU.

NEW OFFICIAL AT SINGAPORE.

Dr. Yves M. Biraud, from the League of Nations' Health Section of Geneva arrived at Singapore by the Malwa to take up duties as the Acting Director of the Eastern Bureau.

Dr. Biraud is a graduate from the Universities of Paris and Johns Hopkins (U.S.A.). He has worked also at the National Institute for Medical Research of London. His main fields of study have been hitherto the epidemiology of tuberculosis and malaria. Dr. Biraud has been a member of the staff of the League for the last three years. He is also a lecturer at the Paris Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. T. Satow has just completed his one year of service as Deputy Director of the Eastern Bureau and is returning shortly to Japan to take up new duties with the Central Sanitary Bureau, Ministry of the Interior.

THEATRE ROYAL.

A TALENTED COMPANY.

There was a large attendance at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night when the Forbes Russell Comedy Company presented "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife"—a comedy which not only had a long run at Home when it was presented but which has been successfully adapted for the screen. It is an admirable mixture of good comedy and light-hearted nonsense, well suited as a Saturday night diversion.

And it can truthfully be said that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the fine presentation given by the Company, than which there has been no better here for a long time. The lead was taken by Miss April Vivian, who is an accomplished actress, and who had the difficult role of a high-spirited girl who "sells herself" to a millionaire and who drives him to divorce in spite of the fact that she really loves him. There was a very fine portrayal of moods—so essential to give the story any reality. Mr. Lynwood Roberts made an ideal John Brown, the millionaire who always got what he wanted, and some very fine work was done by Mr. Leonard S. Stephens as Count Hubert de Lunecourt. He played "the silly ass" particularly well and was responsible for most of the evening's fun.

All other roles were admirably sustained, and there was not a weak spot in the whole show. The Company deserve to be favoured with good houses throughout their stay. To-night "The House of Unrest"—a mystery play—is being presented.

Mr. Lang, the Premier of New South Wales, has guaranteed the expenses of Captain Kingstord Smith, Mr. Keith Anderson, and Mr. Charles Uim in connexion with their projected flight from America to Australia.

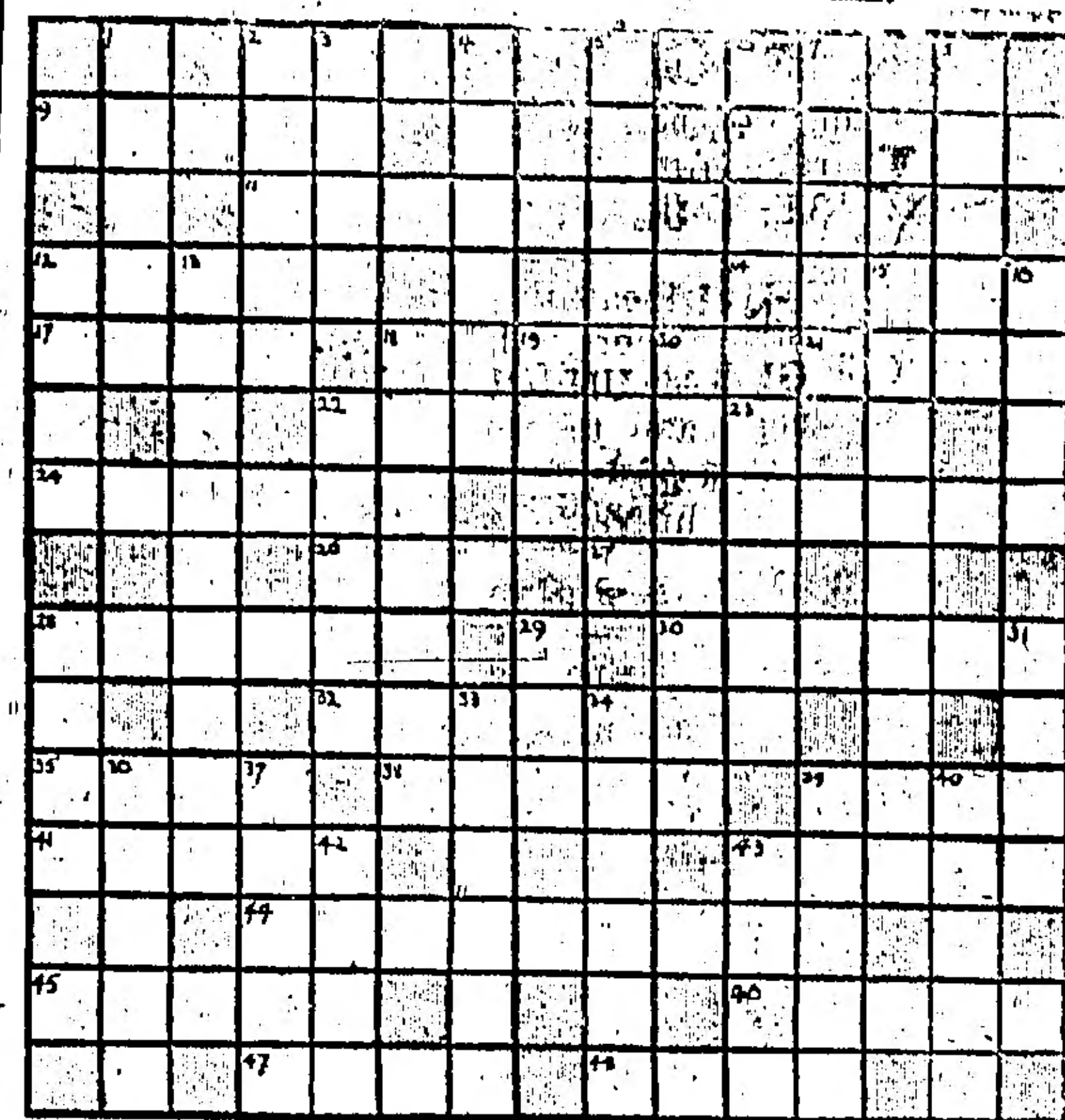
ABOUT BACK-PAINS.

The muscles of the back are under heavy strain and have but little rest. Great numbers of nerves are located in the back attached to the spinal cord. When the blood is impoverished and impure it not infrequently happens that the back muscles become afflicted with those rheumatic pains known as lumbago. When the nervous system gets rundown one of the commonest manifestations of the nervous debility which results is an aching back. Women frequently suffer back-ache at periodical intervals for reasons other than those named above.

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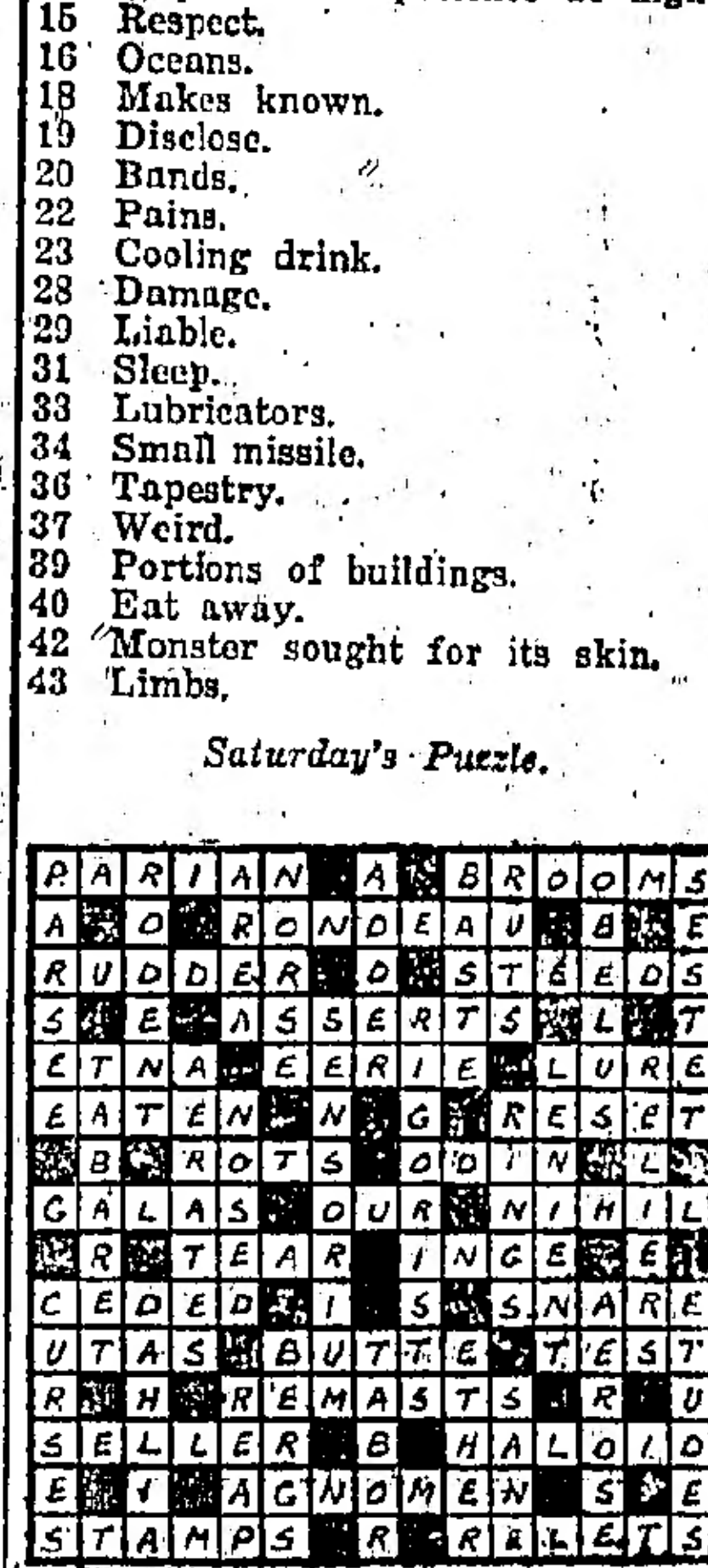
Across.

- 2 Side glance.
- 5 Disease causing trembling.
- 9 Pertaining to a mass.
- 10 Low down fellow.
- 11 Was composed of.
- 12 Melodies.
- 14 Withers.
- 17 Egyptian Goddess.
- 18 By the length.
- 21 Valley.
- 22 Free from germs.
- 24 Science of duty.
- 25 Additions to a manuscript.
- 26 Fowl.
- 27 Unusual.
- 28 Auctioneer's instrument.
- 30 Tradition.
- 32 Cork.
- 35 Nearly extinct.
- 38 Positions.
- 39 Units.
- 41 Plants.
- 43 Imitators.
- 44 Merry-makers.
- 46 Madness.
- 47 Repairs.
- 48 Draper's measure (plur.).
- 49 Throw into the air.

Down.

- 1 Something extra.
- 2 Fastens.
- 3 God of love.
- 4 Act of selling again.
- 5 Agreement.
- 6 Employs.
- 7 Concluded.
- 8 Bird.
- 12 Roof covering.

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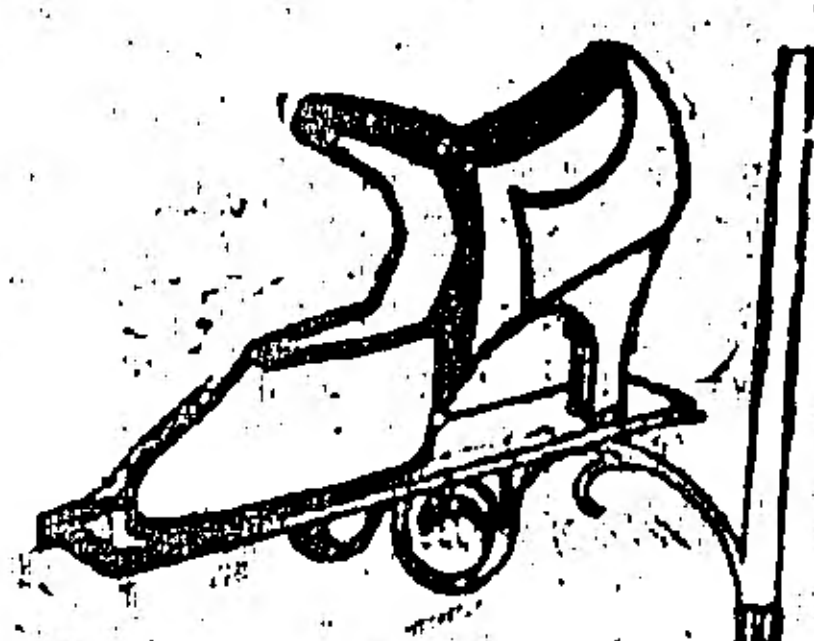
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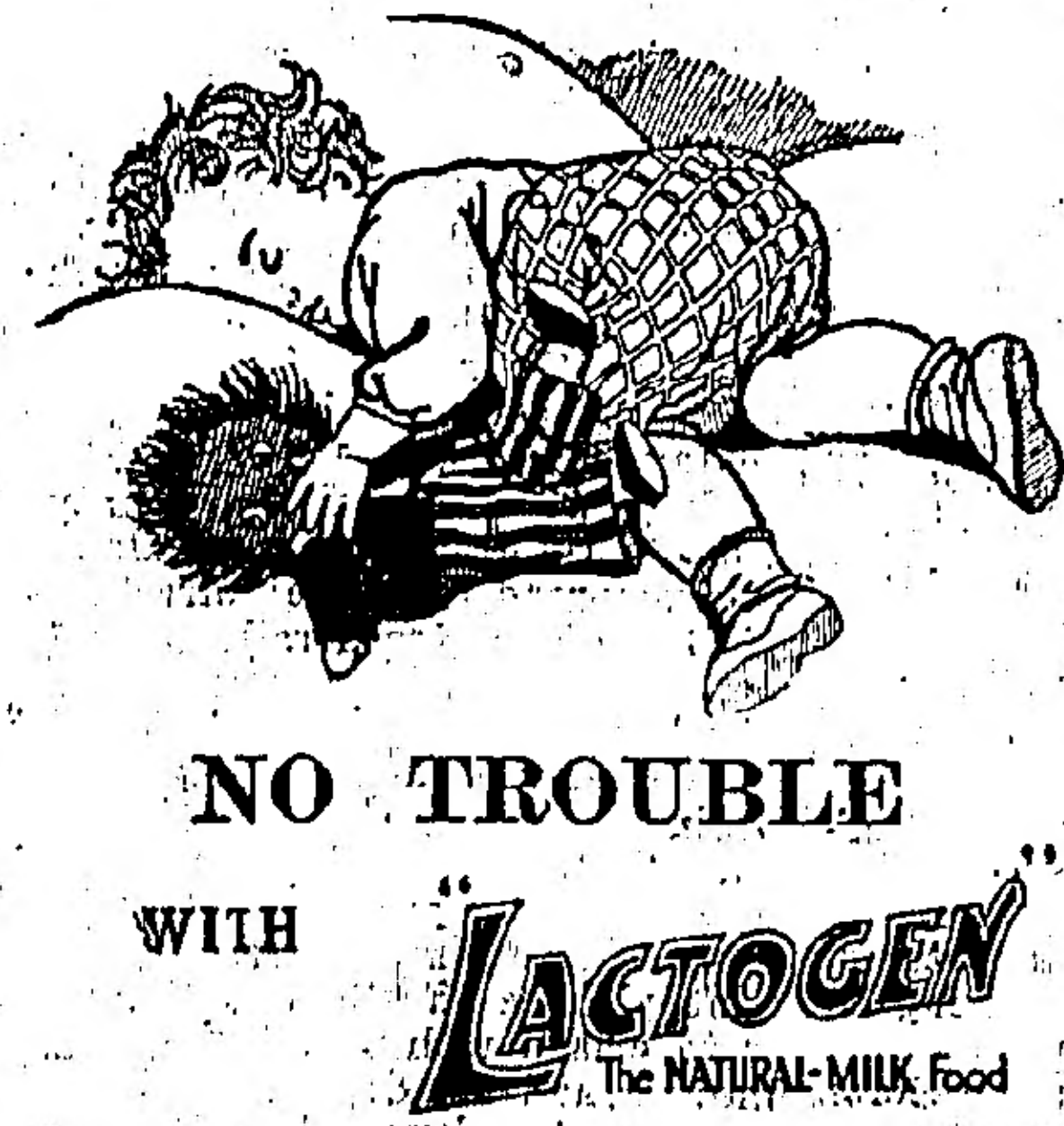
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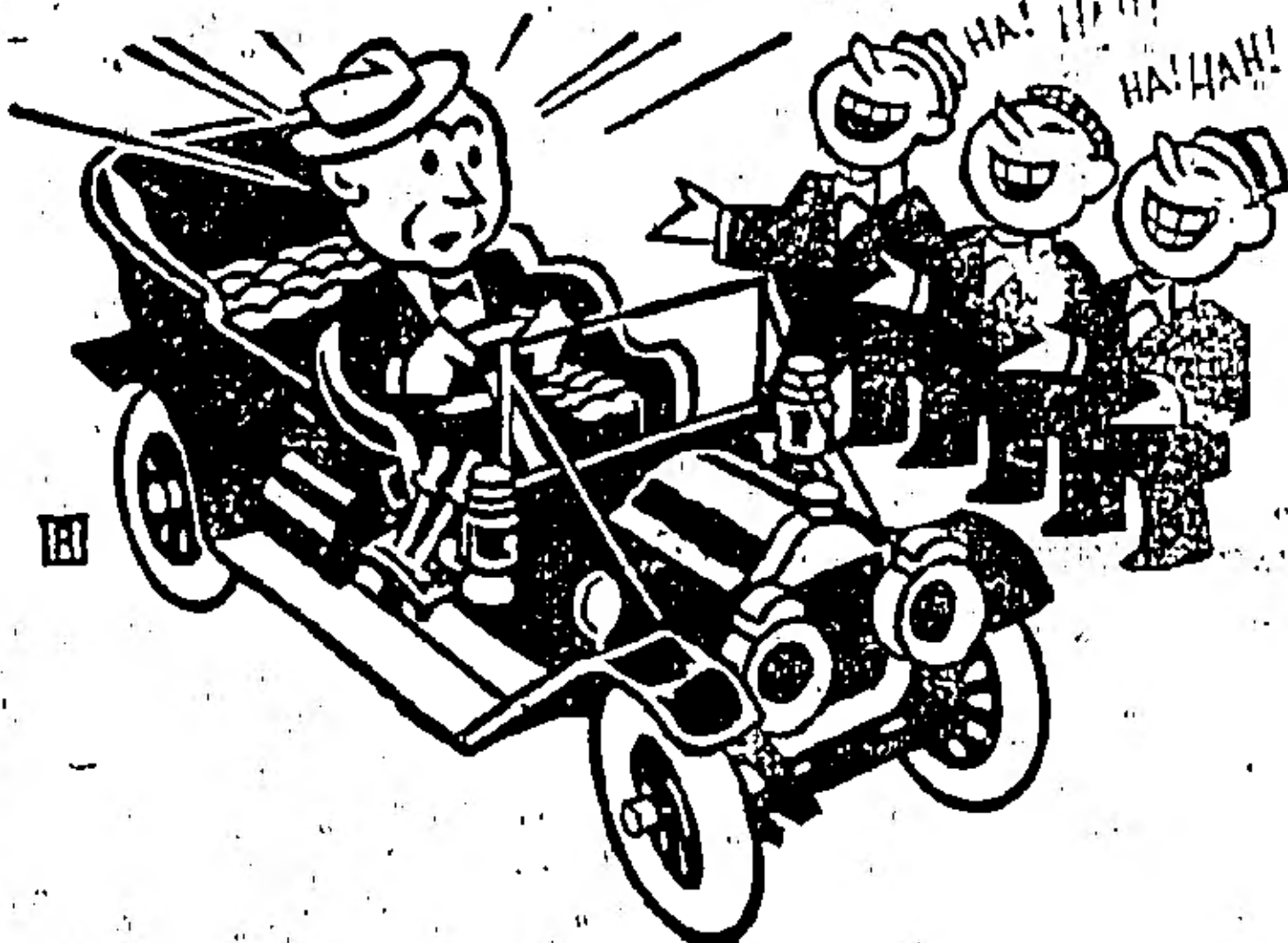
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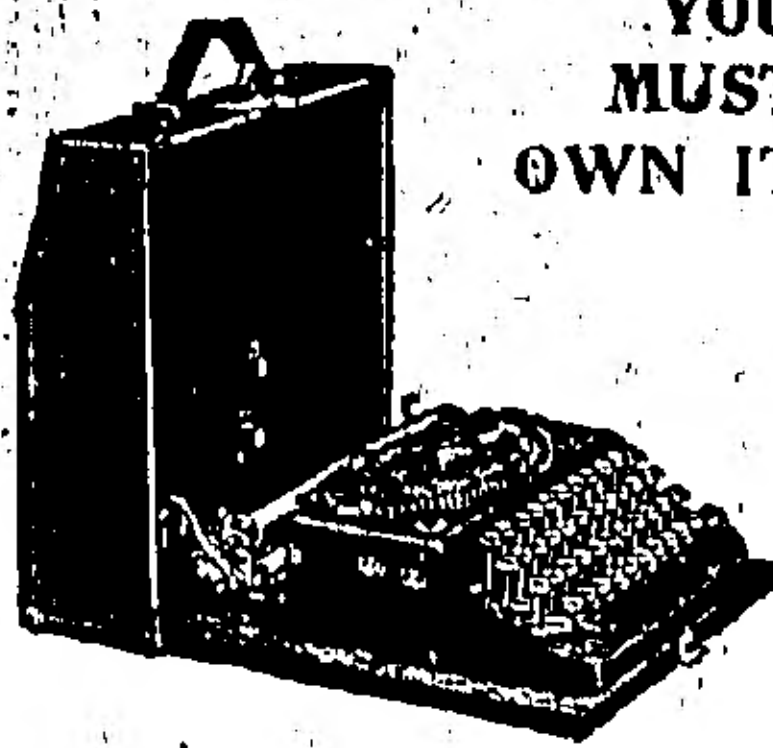
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DOVEY.—Aug. 19, at Southcroft, Exeter, to Lillias (nee Jenkins), wife of Dr. J. E. Dovey, Hongkong, daughter.

Peace Pacts.

In view of the forthcoming disarmament conference arranged for Geneva, the opinions expressed on the subject of non-aggression, by various delegates, take on additional significance. Comment has already been made on the proposal of the Polish delegate that the nations should enter into a pact aimed at outlawing war. This is a feature of universal peace which has received the sympathetic consideration of the governments represented, from time to time, and the general opinion was probably best expressed recently by Sir Austen Chamberlain when he pointed out the inadvisability of the Powers undertaking more than they can reasonably be expected to tackle. He emphasised that a country like Britain could be pacific, and he gave examples to prove this, without entering into any definite treaty. But the urge towards a definite agreement, signed, sealed, and delivered, against future wars, is not subdued. The idea appears to be to make the arbitration principle so absolute, and the submissions to the League members and other formalities so meticulous, as to render war a nuisance, and the delivering of an ultimatum by one nation to another almost impossible. This, with other reasons for a country to be reluctant nowadays to go to war on a large scale, or enter into any campaign which might have serious developments, should prevent aggression of any kind. It is the suggestion embodied in the plan of the French delegate, M. Paul Boncour, who is certainly good hearted enough to desire that warfare shall cease in civilisation, and that, just as tribal clashes have given way to courts of justice, so war may be considered old-fashioned in our advanced times and be replaced by negotiations, in which all the world shall be judge. It is a splendid scheme, if only it could be made to work as smoothly as it appears likely to do on paper. In reality, it is likely to make more complicated the existing processes of the League's anti-aggression policy. As has been pointed out, one cannot expect the big Powers to submit obviously personal matters to the smaller States merely because they have a say in League councils. The preservation of peace will largely have to remain a matter of majority feeling, and one ventures to suggest that the majority opinion of the whole world to-day, if we except China, perhaps, is against war, domestic or external. That abhorrence for international wrangling is likely to grow rather than diminish. The mere bringing up of the question of anti-war pacts in the League Assembly, as well as the opinion favourable to the idea which is expressed on all sides, is an augury very much to the good.

Five Chinese were shot in Lavender Street, Singapore, last Monday. A party of three gunmen visited three houses in Lavender Street and shot at the inmates. Five were wounded, of whom one has died in hospital.

PIRACY SUPPRESSION.

The keenly-awaited draft of the proposed regulations for the suppression of piracy was published on Saturday and has doubtless been closely studied by shipowners and others intimately concerned. Possibly, the Shipping Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will have given it perusal and that the public will, in due course, learn of the character of the reception given to this latest attempt to purge regulations for the suppression of piracy of their doubtful provisions. The new regulations are almost exclusively confined to the carrying out of searches on passenger boats before they leave the harbour and an attempt is being made to make those searches thorough in every way. The regulations apply to passenger-carrying ships leaving Hongkong for the Canton River, the West River or any river or estuary in Kwangtung or Kwangsi, for Formosa and for any part of the east coast of Asia south of Shanghai or north of Singapore—a wide enough range, one imagines, to cover the various classes of steamers which in the past have been given attention to by pirates. No such ship will leave without a police search having been made and until the Master or person in charge shall have received a certificate in writing from a police officer stating that such search has been completed. The powers of search are drawn extremely wide and the police will have power to detain any ship until the thorough searching has been completed.

There is nothing in the proposed regulations under notice about ships' guards, for the Government has not yet decided on its course of action in this vexed matter. There will possibly be some fears expressed on behalf of shipping interests that the proposed system of searching will tend to delay the departure of steamers, and the C. S. P. will doubtless be asked for an assurance in this respect; but, otherwise, we do not see at the moment anything to which strong exception can be taken or in regard

to which approval cannot be given. The making of thorough searches in Hongkong can only go to safeguard ships which are outward bound from this port and there will still be freedom for pirates to board steamers leaving other ports at which strict searches are not conducted. If it were possible to secure equally strict *bona fide* searches at all the ports of call covered by the new regulations the suppression of piracy could be more or less effected, but to make Hongkong a place of search and to leave other ports free of search as at present is not to suppress piracy but only to drive the origin of piratical incidents away from this Colony. Which, perhaps, is the most that we can ever hope to do. The Government has abolished the bond system because it found that it could not legitimately ask for the performance of certain acts outside the jurisdiction of the Colony, and, similarly, it is now confining its attention to what actually happens in the case of ships leaving Hongkong. It could not, very well, go further. These new regulations will impose an arduous duty on the police force and will make it necessary to maintain a much larger body of men available for the work of searching. One's fear is that the habit of search becomes routine and that in course of time it loses much of its effectiveness. In order to safeguard against that it will be necessary to maintain a staff fully adequate to the work to be carried out.

DAY BY DAY.

NOTHING THAT HAS AN ELEMENT OF THE DIVINE IN IT IS LOST IN THE UNIVERSE.—Rev. Huxley Griffith.

The P. and O. s.s. Nyanza is due here at noon on Thursday.

The Empress of Canada is due here to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and will leave for Manila on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The Dutch tanker Absin, running for the A.P.C. and arriving here in ballast, was taken in hand by the Kowloon Dock for overhaul and refit.

Madame Barbosa, wife of His Excellency the Governor of Macao, and Miss Barbosa, were incoming passengers by the Lungshan last evening.

A Requiem Mass will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Caine Road on Tuesday, the 20th, September at 7.30 a.m. for the late Mr. J. H. Pidgeon.

A sailor from the U.S.S. Ashville fell into the nullah in Stone Nullah Lane, on Saturday. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital and later to the ship.

Owing to the inclement weather, the open air concert which should have been held on Saturday, the 17th, inst., at the Kowloon Football Club ground, is postponed until Wednesday, the 21st.

The Norwegian vessel Daviken, arriving from Bangkok and Kohsi-chang, reports touching bottom on an uncharted obstruction in the Latitude 9.19 North, Longitude 103.29.30 East. The master states that the dry tank is leaking slightly.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$8,400 was left by Lai Im-shi, late of 7 Triangle Street, Hongkong, a widow, who owned the business of the Ying Kee Ricksha Owners. Probate has been granted to her daughter-in-law, Lai Leung-shi, a married woman, living at the same address.

Forthcoming weddings announced include Mr. J. S. Landolt, mercantile marine assistant, 583 Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss C. M. Tavares, 4 Caine Road, Hongkong; and Mr. G. T. Padgett, electrical engineer, 3 North Point Quarters, to Miss V. W. Mav, 3 Soldiers' Club, Queen's Road East.

A large gathering said farewell to the Hon. Mr. W. Peel, the Chief Secretary, and Mrs. Peel at the railway station at Kuala Lumpur on September 9, on their departure to Penang en route for Home on furlough. The Hon. Mr. H. W. Thomson arrives to assume the Chief Secretaryship, F.M.S.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Linan, Daviken, Neleus, Seangbee, Akita Maru, Lushan Maru, Yendai Maru, Kaijo Maru, Tango Maru, Empress of Canada, Empress of Russia, Kiangsu, Tonkin, Devanha, Carmarthenshire, Honghwa, Anking and Svale.

The usual week-end Bathing Picnic of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, will be continued until the end of current month. Next Saturday, the s.s. Man Tat will leave Queen's Pier as usual at 3.45 p.m. when the destination will be Junk Bay. The picnic on Saturday, will therefore be the last Club picnic for this season.

A debate on the motion "That Money is Essential to Happiness," will take place at the club house of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, on Monday, 26th Sept., at 8.30 p.m. It will be proposed by Mr. S. Jenyns (Eliot Hall), seconded by Prof. R. K. Simpson, opposed by Rev. J. C. A. Bohn, C.F., and seconded in the opposition by Mr. G. S. Zimmermann.

Many interesting and informative articles are contained in the September issue of *The Red Triangle*, the official organ of the European Y. M. C. A., which just been published. There is an excellent article on music, which avoids the falling of becoming too technical, another contributor delves into the emigration problem, while the regular features are well up to standard. Lighter touch is applied by "Popinjay" and others.

IRISH ELECTION.

HOW THE VOTING GOES.

London, Sept. 18.
The Irish Free State election results to date give:
Fianna Fail 36.
Labour 9.
Independents 8.
Farmers 3.
National League 2.
Communist 1.
It is assumed that the Cosgrave party will have the support of the Farmers and Independents.
British Wireless.

CAFE PARISIEN SALE.

LANDLORD MAKES MANY PURCHASES.

After several postponements, in between which attempts were made by the proprietors to save their business through private treaty with their creditors, the goods and chattels of the Cafe Restaurant Parisien, the Beauty Parlour Parisiana, and the Europe-Asia Trading Company were finally disposed of by public auction this morning.

In anticipation of obtaining suitable bargains from Madame Flint's fashionable mode-shop, a large number of ladies turned up long before the sale was time to commence, and consequently were somewhat disappointed in that, except for certain articles, (such as perfumery and toilet articles), dresses, hats and trimmings were not being sold to-day. The Court's order is noted in this connection that articles from the dress-making department will be sold in small lots, as it is believed by the proprietors that a much better price can be secured than by disposal by auction.

The landlord Mr. Ng Wah, was by far the biggest buyer during the sale, his purchases including a number of valuable oil-paintings and most of the more valuable fittings and accoutrements of the Cafe. The sale was conducted by Mr. L. Lammett in the presence of a bailiff and other officials of the Supreme Court.

The mode-shop and a portion of the upper floor containing goods not to be disposed of to-day, were sealed, but the remainder of the premises were thrown open to the public and in this a large crowd gathered. The presence of a large number of the fair sex gave an unusual touch to the sale, but for the rest the attendance was made up of the usual crowd of second-hand furniture dealers from Wellington Street, marine hawkers and a few of the inevitable bargain-hunters.

The articles were divided into small lots for convenience of sale, and ranged from household furniture and crockery to valuable pieces of canvas. These fetched good prices with the exception of the paintings which were valued over \$1,000 apiece, but which were sold for a mere fraction of this valuation. It was reported that sometime back a private offer of \$6,000 was made by a Frenchman for the three pictures exhibited in the lounge and corridor of the Cafe, but all these as well as six other pieces done in oil were now sold for a little less than \$600. Bidding was slack for these articles.

The biggest price for one lot during the sale was in respect of the Baby Grand piano, which was sold to the same purchaser for \$620.

Mr. Ng Wah also bought up all the window curtains, the tea-tables and table-lamps as well as nearly all the electric fans in the premises.

HONAN POSITION.

THREAT TO FENG'S TROOPS.

Peking, Sept. 14.

Chin Yun-ao's troops, numbering 40,000 are reported to be active in south-western Honan placing Marshal Feng Yu-shiang in a difficult position. The complete disintegration of Feng's forces is expected, but the wish may be father to the thought since it is difficult to get reliable news from that quarter.

Another military conference is under way here with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and Gen. Chu Yu-pu present, discussing plans for campaigns both against the South and Feng.

Yen Hsi-shan is the chief stumbling block and his representative now announces that Yen refuses to be drawn into the conflict and is determined to remain neutral. While he maintains this attitude the Northerners cannot risk attacking Feng along the Peking-Hankow Line and once again the question is being considered whether it would not be advisable to crush him as a preliminary step to attacking Feng.

Hopes are entertained, however, that Chin Yun-ao's assault on Feng will remove the necessity of threatening Yen whose standing in the popular estimation is fully appreciated here as is also his almost impregnable position.

The full week-end report of arrivals and departures issued by the Harbour Department this morning, gave 27 arrivals and 21 departures, British, seven and nine, leaving 68 vessels in harbour, of which 13 were British. This morning's reports gave 19 arrivals and six departures, British two and three respectively.

The Very Idea!

"When did the robbery occur?" asked the cross-examining barrister.

"I think—" began the witness. "We don't care that what you think, we want to know what you know," stormed the barrister.

"Well, I may as well get out of the box, then," replied the witness. "I can't talk without thinking. I'm not a lawyer."

They dropped the anchor in the sea.

That was their only hope. If might have worked quite nicely, but

The anchor had no rope.

I am almost ashamed of being a Scotsman, remarked Superintendent Wight sadly at Morpeth as he subsided into his seat after a long and futile attempt to induce an Aberdonian motor driver to take the oath.

The Scot in the witness-box, who had journeyed from Aberdeen to defend a charge of driving a car without a rear light, replied firmly, "Nothing doing," to all efforts to get him to swear or to affirm.

The rural credulity and ignorance prevailing in certain districts of Ireland was vividly illustrated at Port Arlington, Ireland, where Patrick Kelly, an elderly Gort farmer, astonished the court with a description of how he was robbed of £500.

He said that three strange women called at his farm.

One said that she was the last born child of triplets, and therefore was able to cure his ailments. She declined silver, and demanded notes.

He handed her two £100 notes, believing it was "for God."

Later he gave her three more notes of equal amount.

"She put the cross of Christ on my head, saying that the cure would otherwise be incomplete."

Kelly's wife gave evidence that she saw Kelly give the woman a handful of £100 notes. She personally gave her a fifth because she thought that the stranger was a "blessed woman."

The trio were committed for trial.

Britain is far from claiming any smaller cruiser policy.—Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Monarchies are not any more bellicose and aggressive than republics.—Dean Inge.

Any one who wishes to keep his faculties to the last must keep them exercised or they will degenerate.—Miss Emily L. Harrington.

It may be conceded that it is human nature to earn as much money as possible, but money is not the be-all and end-all of life.—Sir J. Martin Harvey.

At present there is no means by which the holders in multiple companies can find out what amount is being paid to directors, and that is a great drawback.—Mr. Justice Eve.

"Doctor," said the old Scots-woman, "A've come ten see if ye're gae the gie mauld man anither of they mustard plasters the day."

"I think perhaps he had better have one more," answered the doctor.

"Weel, he wants ta know if he kin have a slice of ham wi' it, fur he says it's a v'ry poorfu' perscription taek taek' itsel'."

Judge at Nottingham—Pigs might fly, but they are very unlikely birds.

When the average man expresses his gratitude it is merely a way of asking for more.

West Hartlepool woman—Even if I am not there, my name is always going down on a summons.

The L.C.C. are to consider a proposal to run decorated tram-cars to advertise the tramways. It is stated such advertising methods have been successful in the provinces.

Barrister, at Shoreditch County Court: Your husband drinks! Wife: Other husbands do, too, don't they? He would be a fool if he did not.

Hampstead magistrate, to a Scotsman who asked for time in which to pay a fine: You have money put by somewhere, and you will only be allowed seven days.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch: Some one else may be more provoking than I am—I doubt it.

Man at Shoreditch County Court: He drove the car along Hackney-road from the direction of Cambridge Heath railway station. Judge Cluer: Cambridge Heath station! Is not the name of that station to be changed to Lonia?

Mr. Percy Mitchell, a Highgate magistrate: A push bicycle is as dangerous as a motor-car. Marylebone offender, electing to go to prison rather than pay a fine: I had six days' peace last time, and I enjoyed it so much, so much that I am going again.

A HUGE GERMAN WAR MEMORIAL.**THE COMMEMORATION OF TANNENBERG.****WAR GUILT DENIED.**

Berlin, Sept. 18. In the presence of 10,000 spectators, including General Ludendorff and many high officers of the old regime, Doctor Marx, the Chancellor, other Cabinet members, and delegates of patriotic organisations, President Hindenburg opened a gigantic national war memorial erected by public subscription on the battlefield of Tannenberg.

President Hindenburg, in a speech which was greeted with roars of applause, entirely repudiated Germany's war guilt, and asserted that the German armies were innocent of barbarities.

Big Area Covered.

The Tannenberg memorial must be the largest in the world. It covers an area of 40 acres, and is octagonal in shape, with eight towers, each 70 feet high, connected by galleries.

One tower is dedicated to Hindenburg, and will contain his statue and pictures of his life, in mosaic. Another tower is dedicated to other military leaders. A third is dedicated to the German soldiers, and a fourth will contain the battle flags of the regiments which participated in the battle of Tannenberg.

Two other towers will be used as homes for disabled soldiers.

A court of honour in the centre building contains a block of marble pierced by a heavy bronze sword.—*Reuter.*

PIRATES BEATEN OFF.**FISHING BOAT CREW PUT UP A FIGHT.**

A report has been made by the master of fishing junk No. 2226 to the effect that early on Sunday morning, whilst the boat was on a voyage between San Mei and Hongkong with a cargo of eggs, they were attacked by a Hoko pirate boat with eleven pirates on board.

The pirates ordered the fishing junk to stop but the junk master proceeded straight on. Near Sing Chee Island they were overhauled and the pirates shot at the people on the fishing boat. An attempt was made to board the boat but the crew, determined to resist to the last, beat the pirates off with choppers.

The last that was seen of the pirates was when they rowed off in the direction of Sing Chee Island. It was later discovered that one of the *fokis* of the boat had a bullet wound in his right arm.

HAWKER AS SP'GER.**PLUMS IN EXCHANGE FOR GIFTS.**

A rather ingenious excuse was submitted by a hawker at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when charged before Mr. W. Schofield with selling preserved fruit without a license.

The defendant denied the charge and said that he was a singer. He paraded the streets, singing songs and certain members of the public in appreciation of his abilities made him gifts of small donations. As an expression of gratitude of such public recognition, the defendant returned the compliment by distributing to each of his benefactors four preserved plums for each cent contributed.

His Worship after hearing the man's story said that such a practice must cease and imposed a fine of \$4.

RADIO SERVICE TO MANILA.**READY RESPONSE TO NEW VENTURE.**

Ready response has followed the opening of the wireless commercial service between Hongkong and the Philippine Islands, a *Telegraph* representative being informed this morning that the number of users is increasing every week.

The popularity of the service is, no doubt, partly due to the slightly lower rates applying to radio messages as against cables, while very few delays have been experienced, and the public is gaining confidence.

The reception at both Hongkong and Manila has been excellent throughout, and there has been practically no interruption since the inauguration of the service.

IN CANTON FROM DAY TO DAY.**STILL CALLING FOR CHIANG KAI-SHEK.****HIS MILITARY SUPPORT.**

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 18. The Provincial Kuomintang held a meeting early this week to renew the efforts to urge Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to come back from retirement. The previous effort was partly successful in that the five Nanking Commissioners—Messrs. Lee Shek-tsang, Choy Yuen-pu, Ng Chee-fai, Chang Ching-kiang and Wu Hon-man—have resumed their duties.

The Chinese Overseas Association participated in this meeting and strongly urged the restoration of the Commander-in-Chief system. They further requested General Li Chai-sum not to resign his post as Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief and assured him of every support in achieving the aims of the national revolution.

High officials who are supporters of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek have received word that he will soon take a leading part in Kuomintang activities. The ex-Generalissimo is still resting in his home town in Chekiang but at the same time is consolidating his position there.

General Chow Fung-kee, chief military figure in Chekiang, is loyal to Chiang Kai-shek, while General Ho Ying-yam, another ardent supporter, is despatching a large number of forces from Nanking to Hangchow, capital of Chekiang to strengthen Chiang's position.

Canton Officials.

The recent rumour of the resignation of Mayor Lam Wen-koi and Mr. Tang Yin-wah, Chief of Police, turns out to be groundless. The Chief of Police says that he has no intention of resigning but on the other hand he is using his best efforts to round up all the Communists and to press delinquent merchants to pay up the remainder of the \$10,000,000 loan. Mayor Lam also denies that he wishes to quit, and adds that he will soon introduce a plan for the improvement of the Canton municipality.

Bocca Tigris Forts.

The military authorities have declared that Bocca Tigris, the entrance to Canton River, is now under martial law on account of the fact that certain ex-officers of Chan Kwong-ming are attempting to seize the forts. All ships passing through Bocca Tigris are liable to be searched. It is understood that Hongkong steamers passing through will not suffer any inconvenience as they are known to the authorities in the fort. Even Chinese gunboats and transports are subject to search if no prior notice is sent to the commander of the forts.

NEW TO THIS PORT.**TWO SHIPS IN ARRIVAL LIST.**

Although not newly built vessels, two ships appearing in the Harbour Office reports this morning were registering their first appearance in Hongkong. These were the Baron Jedburgh, of the Hogarth Line, and the Crisfield, of the U. S. Shipping Board.

The Baron Jedburgh is a British steel screw steamer of 4,418 tons gross and 2,684 net, built in 1912 for the Hogarth Steamship Company by A. Rodger and Company, of Port Glasgow, and engaged by Rowan and Company of Glasgow, with N.H.P. of 379, and registered at Ardrossan. The dimensions of the ship are, length 410 feet, beam 54.3 feet, and moulded depth 24.8 feet.

She entered yesterday with a cargo of 8,050 sugar from the Straits, for local discharge, on a mean draft of 24 feet, 1 inch. Commanded by Captain W. E. Somerville, she carries a crew of 13 British and 50 Asiatics. The local agents are the J.C.J.L. S.S. Crisfield.

The American steamer Crisfield entered Hongkong for the first time yesterday. She is a steel screw steamer of 6,321 tons gross and 4,670 net, her dimensions being length, 402.6 ft., beam 54.9 feet, and moulded depth 32.1 feet. Built by the Skinner Bddy Corporation of Seattle, in 1919, for the U.S. Shipping Board, she was engaged by the same firm, with a three-cylinder equipment, developing 359 N.H.P.

The vessel is commanded by Captain H. Johanssen, with a crew of 34 Americans, Messrs. Swayne and Hoyt being the local agents. Entering with a cargo of 1,876 gasoline for Hongkong and 2,500 kerosene for Manila from San Pedro, she drew a mean of 19 feet, 1 inch.

FRANCE'S RUSSIAN POLICY.**DECISION NOT TO CLOSE NEGOTIATIONS.****STRONG PRESS CRITICISM.**

Paris, Sept. 17.

Following the recent Press agitation in France in favour of the expulsion of Rakovsky, the Soviet Minister to Paris, an important meeting of the French Cabinet on Franco-Russian relations was held to-day.

After the meeting an official communique was issued stating that there was nothing at present justifying the rupture of Franco-Russian diplomatic relations.

The Cabinet reserved judgment on the Russian proposal for a pact of non-aggression and charged M. Briand to continue negotiations in connexion with the proposal after satisfying himself that all conditions likely to render such a pact possible had been realised.—*Reuter.*

[M. Rakovsky, Soviet Minister to Paris, recently while on leave issued a manifesto urging the resumption by Russia of efforts to promote a world revolution. France protested and the Soviet Government repudiated Rakovsky's views, which, it said, were expressed by him as a member of the Communist International. The French press were not satisfied and demanded the recall of Rakovsky.]

Violent Criticism.

Paris, Sept. 18.

While the Left section newspapers unanimously commend the Government's attitude with regard to Russia, the Right organs criticise it violently, some even talking of a "surrender."

A Moscow message states that the *Isvestia* describes the French Government's decision not to break with Russia for the present as a victory for French commonsense, and says that it opens up wide prospects of an extension and development of Franco-Russian relations, which must favourably influence European relations.—*Reuter.*

BUS OVERTURNS AND CATCHES FIRE.**ALARMING EXPERIENCE IN KOWLOON.**

Passengers travelling to Sham-shui-po by one of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company's vehicles last night, had a narrow escape from severe injury when the bus turned over and caught fire near the Mongkok Police Station.

This morning it was learned that the bus was proceeding along Nathan Road, from the direction of the Star Ferry, and had reached a spot between the Mongkok Fire Station and the Police Station when the driver is stated to have swerved in order to avoid a pedestrian.

The sudden swerve caused the wheels to lock, and although the driver made endeavours to steer a straight course again the front wheels failed to respond, and the bus overturned, catching fire at the same time.

There were three passengers on board, but they and the company's employees managed to extricate themselves from the burning vehicle. One Chinese passenger suffered a slight cut on his head, and together with the driver, who was also slightly injured, was taken to hospital for medical treatment.

In the meantime the Fire Brigade had been summoned and two engines were despatched from the Tsim Sha Tsui depot, the call being received at 10.21 p.m.

The outbreak was soon extinguished. The damage caused to the bus is estimated at about \$30.

ALLEGED THEFT.**A QUEEN'S ROAD INCIDENT.**

At half-past one this afternoon, a police whistle was sounded in the locality of the Indian silk-centro, and two European Police Sergeants and an Indian policeman arrived promptly on the scene. Entering Messrs. D. Chellaram's shop at Queen's Road Centre, a Chinese was pointed out to them as having been caught in an attempt to smuggle a roll of silk out of the shop under his long coat.

He was one of four other Chinese including a small, frail-looking woman, who entered the shop, it was alleged, at the same time and to have remained in the shop for five minutes inspecting the goods before the incident took place.

All four, including the woman, were taken to the Central Police Station for examination on the allegations raised.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH KIDNAPPERS.**ATTEMPT TO ABDUCT A RICH MAN.****SHANGHAI EXCITEMENT.**

Shanghai, Sept. 14.

Another shooting affair took place yesterday afternoon, almost in the very heart of the Settlement, when the police attached to Hongkew station were engaged in a running battle with a gang of armed kidnapers, resulting in the arrest of one man, the death of another kidnapper and the wounding of a Sklh police constable.

It appears that a wealthy Chinese shopkeeper was on his way from home to his shop in the French Concession, and was travelling in a private ricksha, when a motor car pulled up in front of him and four men, two of whom were armed with pistols, jumped out. They ordered him to get out of his ricksha, keep quiet and get into the motor car which stood by. Seeing that it was useless to offer any resistance, the man allowed himself to be pushed into the car and to be taken from the French Concession, through the Central District, to Hongkew.

The car had crossed the Szechuen Road Bridge and had been driven down the slope past the post office. At Tiendong Road, however, it was caught in a traffic jam and held up. The kidnapped man saw a chance of escaping and so he jumped out of the car, shouting "Save life! Save life!" as he did so, there being a few policemen near the corner at the time, one of the latter, who was standing near the jam, saw what was happening and blew his whistle to attract the attention of the others.

Police Give Chase.

The four kidnapers, including the chauffeur, who is alleged to have been a member of the gang, had meanwhile jumped out of the car and run. The police, however, were on the alert and gave chase. One of the kidnapers opened fire, wounding Sklh constable 365 in the head. Fortunately this was not of a serious nature and the chase continued.

Other police had, by this time, arrived on the scene and they also took part in the chase, arresting one man and bringing another down with a bullet through his body. Upon examination, it was found that he was dead. In his possession was found a .32 calibre Belgian Browning pistol. The two remaining members of the gang who were pursued by the police succeeded in making good their escape.

It was reported that a foreigner had been struck by a stray bullet but this could not be confirmed.

The arrested man was later handed over to the French police as the kidnapping occurred in the French Concession and the dead man was taken to the Mortuary, where an inquest will be held this morning.

BOILER EXPLOSION AT MANILA.**COAL PASSER SCALDED TO DEATH.**

Mariano Alfaro y Madelo age 28 was scalded to death at 2 p.m. last Thursday when the port boiler of the s.s. Consuelo, Madrigal and Company steamer, exploded, at Manila. Alfaro was in the direct path of the scalding hot water and received burns on his legs, face, arms and body that resulted in his almost immediate death.

Alfaro together with four others, employed as coal passers, were in the boiler room of the Consuelo when the explosion occurred. The other workmen, however, were within easy reach of the door and made good their escape.

Alfaro, who happened to be working nearer the boiler than the other four, received only a few burns when the explosion occurred but in his efforts to reach the door, he tripped over some obstacle, and the scalding water, coming from the boiler in jets, covered him from almost head to foot.

Secret service officials are investigating the explosion.

A seven-foot shark which found its way into the Manchester Ship Canal was killed in Eastham Locks. It appears to have been struck by a steamer's propeller.

A Roman pavement, 20 yards square has been found at Middleham, Wensleydale. The pavement is buried to a depth of 7 ft. and excavations are being carried out.

The Madrid newspaper *El Socialista* has been suspended by order of the Government for eight days for publishing some matter not submitted to the Censor.

PARIS HONOURS U.S. LEGION.**SPECIAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAD.****DIED FOR THEIR FRIENDS.**

Paris, Sept. 17.

The American Legion members this morning marched to Suresnes, where 30,000 American soldiers who died in hospitals in the Paris region were buried.

General Pershing, khaki-clad, and Marshal Foch, walked together through the lines of flower-decked graves surmounted with marble crosses. The Chaplain of the Legion conducted a religious service, while aeroplanes circled overhead.

General Pershing, in a speech, paid a tribute to the splendid example of American dead, and Gen. Savage, National Commander of the American Legion, movingly vowed on behalf of the Legion that the families of the fallen will never want for help and sympathy.

Marshal Foch dwelt on the glorious disinterestedness of the American volunteers who took up arms because the justice, liberty and peace of the world were threatened. "Let us keep what they conquered, let us keep the faith which inspired them and maintain the close union which led to victory."—*Reuter.*

A Special Mass.

Paris, Sept. 18.

Religious services were held this morning in many churches in memory of America's dead. This year, the chaplain of the American Legion being a Catholic, the principal service was held at Notre Dame, where a solemn mass followed by the Te Deum was celebrated in the presence of 15,000 persons, including Generals Pershing and Savage, Marshal Foch, and other distinguished persons.

The members of the American Legion, with their colours, lined the nave. The chaplain, Father Wolfe, preached a sermon in English, in which he extolled the heroism of the mothers who gave their sons that the world might live in peace. He said that the American volunteers truly gave their lives for their friends.

After the service, Gen. Savage transmitted a radiogram from the Eiffel Tower to the peoples of Europe, hoping that the visit of the Legionnaires might be a step in the way of world friendship. Generals Pershing and Savage, in the evening, attended a Government dinner at which M. Reincare presided.—*Reuter.*

MARINE COURT CASES.**SEVERAL MINOR OFFENCES.**

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, Chan Kau, a seaman of the motor-boat Shing Fat, was charged with being a party to an action forbidden by Section 37 of the Mercantile Shipping Ordinance, by being under way as coxswain without a certificate, at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.

When the case was called, the Police moved that the case be withdrawn, it being understood that the seaman was at the time under instruction by the coxswain of the boat, who was at the moment in charge. The order was allowed.

Ip Mo, master of the steam launch Curlew, was charged with using his steam whistle for purposes other than navigation on September 14, and pleading guilty, was fined \$5, with the usual alternative.

Lung Fuk-choi, master of the motor-boat Cheong Lee, was charged with making fast alongside the s.s. Hai Mun while that vessel was still under way, at 4 p.m. on September 14, and pleading guilty, was fined \$15, with the alternative of two weeks' imprisonment with hard-labour.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. How many stars can we see with the naked eye at one place and at one time?
2. What is the Quantum Theory?
3. Are there any parthenogenetic flowering plants?
4. What are filterable viruses?
5. What is a gossamer shower?
6. How do flat-fishes swim?
7. What is an ion?
8. What is the ionisation of an atom?
9. How do white ants differ from true ants?
10. How does a rattlesnake rattle?
11. What are ether waves?
12. How does the typical eye of an insect differ from ours?

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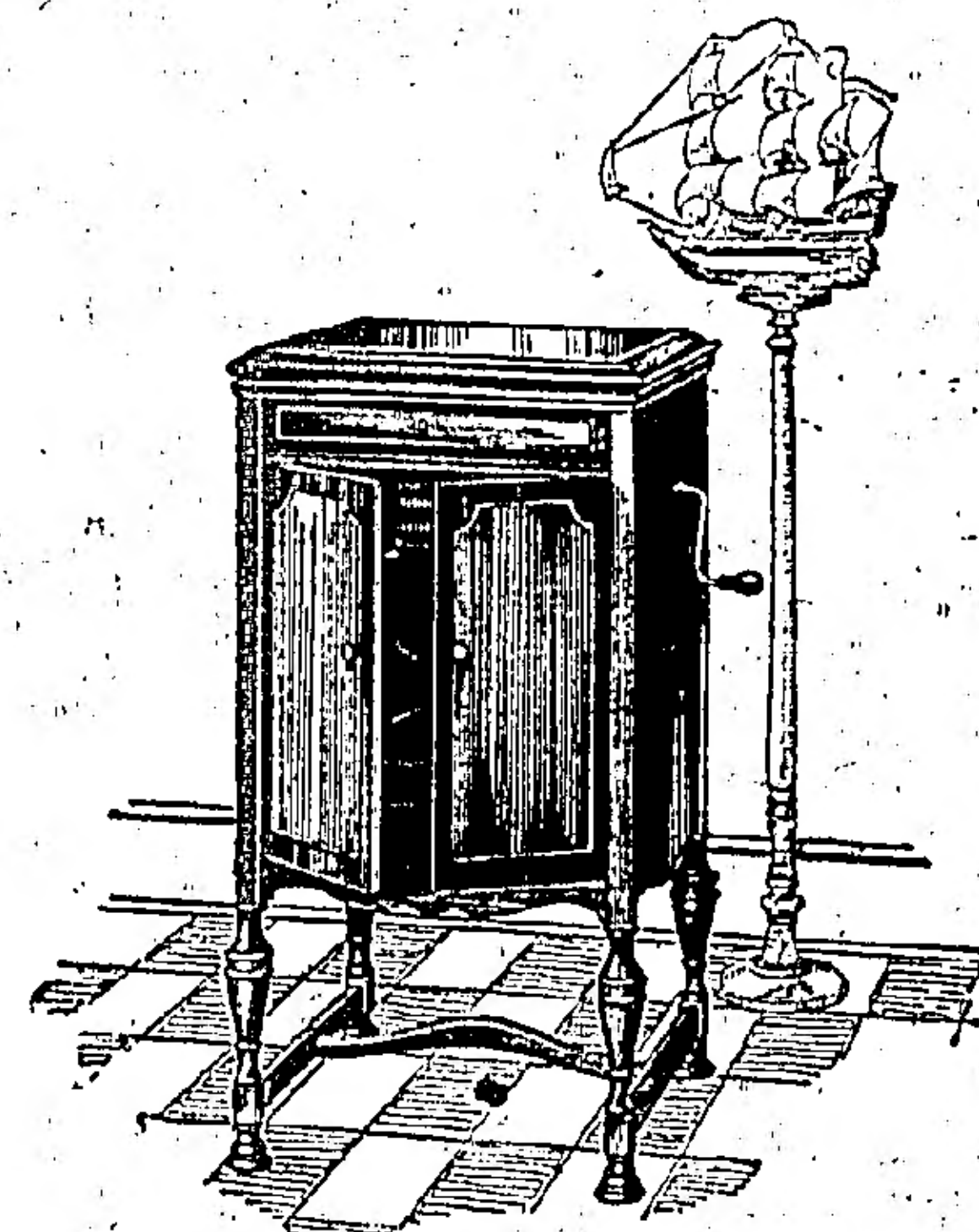
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Applications will be received by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, from whom the necessary printed forms can be obtained. Such applications must be for \$1,000 or any multiple thereof and be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the amount applied for.

Applications may be accepted in whole or in part, and in the event of partial allotment the surplus amount paid as deposit will be appropriated towards the payment of the balance due on allotment.

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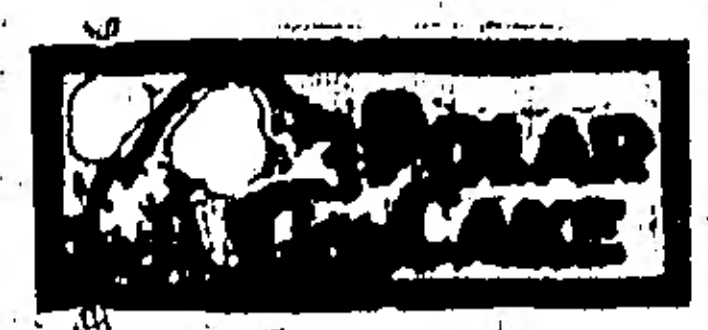
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

TILDEN BEATEN BY LACOSTE.

LOSS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

DECISIVE VICTORY.

Forest Hill, Sept. 18. There were 13,000 spectators at final game between Lacoste and Tilden, in the American Singles Championship. Lacoste beat Tilden 11-9, 6-3, 11-9.

Tilden's defeat was the most decisive, so far as sets go, that has ever been administered to him. He was on the defensive from the start, and Lacoste forced him to the back of the court as much as possible.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GREYHOUND RACING BOOM.

MANCHESTER TRAINER SUSPENDED.

London, Sept. 19. Greyhound racing courses continue to spring up all over the country. One of the latest is at Crystal Palace, the shares in which are booming in an absurd fashion.

After conducting an enquiry into the practice of doping, with particular reference to the recent incident at Manchester, the Greyhound Racing Association has suspended the Manchester trainer for doping dogs with strychnine, in consequence of which Tall Oak, one of the best dogs in the country, died. An agitation against excessive betting on the sport is also beginning.

THE WORLD OLYMPIAD.

AMERICANS TO TAKE BIG PART.

New York, Sept. 18. Active preparations are being made for America's part in the next Olympic sports.

They have started with the announcement that Major General Douglas MacArthur has been elected president of the American Olympic Committee.

General MacArthur has declared that he will set to work immediately.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHESS TOURNEY.

CAPABLANCA MEETS ALEKHINE.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 18. The chess champion, Capablanca, and the Russian expert, Alekhine, have begun a series of twenty games for the championship of the world.

Capablanca resigned from the first game after 43 moves.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GLAMORGAN'S S.O.S.

LOSS ON SEASON'S CRICKET.

London, Sept. 10. Glamorgan's end of the season victory over Nottingham, while it brought the Welsh county a certain amount of glory, has not affected their coffers, and their financial position is such that they have issued an urgent appeal for cash support.

The sum of £2,500 is mentioned as the minimum required to save the situation.

JOE DUNDEE TO FIGHT.

TO DEFEND WELTER TITLE.

Los Angeles, Sept. 18. Joe Dundee, the world's welter weight champion, will meet the Nebraskan ace, Hudkins, in a championship bout here on October 10.—*Reuter's American Service.*

POLO IN U.S.

BRITISH TEAM'S SUCCESS.

Westbury, Sept. 18. The British polo-players defeated Eastcott by eleven goals to five, in the first round of the Open Polo Championship.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LAWN BOWLS.

SECOND INTERPORT TRIAL ON SATURDAY.

Contrary to the form shown at the first Trial, the players who participated in the second series of games on the Craigengower ground on Saturday gave a rather disappointing exhibition and, with the exception of occasional flashes, the play was not of a very high standard.

Two rinks were played, Wallace opposing Macfarlane and Pendered meeting Gray. The former rink resulted in a victory for Wallace by 19 shots to 13, while Pendered scored 20 shots to his opponent's 14.

After a somewhat indifferent start, Macfarlane's four were only two shots down at the end of the tenth head the score being 10-8 against him. In the fourth head Wallace had scored a sixer which was preceded by a three, giving him a 9-1 lead.

The scores fluctuated throughout the match. Returning to play after the tea interval, Wallace increased his score to 16-9 but Macfarlane scored on three successive heads and reduced the deficit to 16-13. On the last three heads he failed to score but Wallace could only manage one shot on each. The rinks were—
Laird Oswick
Smith McCubbin
Morrison Holland
Wallace 19 Macfarlane 13

The Second Game.

On another green, the game between Pendered and Gray proved a close contest until the concluding heads, when the Civil Service skip scored on five successive heads without response from his opponent.

After being two down on the first head, Pendered levelled the scores at the second and from thence he maintained a lead, which at no time exceeded four shots. A three at the sixteenth head gave Gray the lead by 14-12 but Pendered then went on to score eight shots on the last heads giving him victory by six shots. The rinks were—
Omar Atkinson
Reid Basa
Brown Collier
Gray 14 Pendered 20

MALAYAN ATHLETICS.

THREE NEW RECORDS ESTABLISHED.

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 10. The Malayan A.A.A. championships were continued on the Padang here to-day in fine weather before a particularly large gathering, including the Resident (Mr. J. Lorne) and Mrs. Lorne, Sir H. Gompertz and Lady Gompertz. The sport was thoroughly enjoyable throughout the day, for in most events there was a large entry and competition was very keen.

The feature of the day was the establishment of three new records. N. O. Dorall (Selangor), won the sprint in 10.2.5th. seconds, beating Barry's 10.3.5th. In 1911, Vythilingam's winning time in the 220 was 23.2.5th. seconds, two-fifths of a second faster than De Souza's time for this distance in 1925; while Selangor won the relay race in 1 minute 36.3.5th. seconds, breaking the record established by Singapore in 1922 of 1 min. 38.1.5th. Selangor easily secured the championship with an aggregate of 42½ points, and Vythilingam (Selangor) won the individual championship with an aggregate of 15 points.

HOME RUGBY.

LEICESTER SWAMP HARTLEPOOL.

London, Sept. 10. Hartlepool Rovers sustained a heavy defeat in their second match of the season, for on their visit to Leicester they were beaten by 40 points to 8.

Plymouth Albion were also visitors in their second fixture and they were beaten at Bath by 18 points to nil.

Harlequins and the Wasps were each playing their opening match on the Harlequins ground, a well contested game resulting in a win for the home side by 8 points to 6.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

The English and Scottish League tables, up to and including matches played on Saturday, are appended:

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pa.
Newcastle	6	4	2	0	21	9	10
Arsonal	6	4	1	1	17	11	9
Cardiff	6	2	4	0	10	7	8
West Ham	5	4	0	1	16	12	8
Bury	5	4	0	1	11	8	8
Sunderland	6	3	2	1	17	13	8
Everton	6	2	3	1	16	11	7
Middlesbro	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
Liverpool	5	2	2	1	12	6	6
Leicester	6	2	2	2	13	10	6
Blackburn	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Portsmouth	6	2	2	2	15	17	6
Manch. Un.	6	2	2	2	9	12	6
Tottenham	6	2	1	3	9	14	5
Derby	6	1	2	3	12	16	4
Aston Villa	6	1	2	3	12	14	4
Sheffield Un.	6	1	2	3	9	14	4
Wednesday	6	1	2	3	8	13	4
Bolton	6	1	2	3	7	10	4
Huddersfield	5	1	1	3	10	14	3
Birmingham	6	1	1	4	8	14	3
Burnley	6	1	0	5	11	18	2

Division II.

Clapton	6	5	1	0	13	4	11
Bristol C.	5	5	0	0	16	4	10
Manch. City	6	4	1	1	16	12	9
Preston	6	3	2	1	14	8	8
Stoke	6	3	2	1	15	9	8
Oldham	6	4	0	2	17	10	8
Swansea	6	3	2	1	22	16	8
Hull City	6	3	2	1	8	6	8
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	12	4	7
Leeds Un.	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Notts For.	6	3	1	2	18	11	7
West Brom.	6	3	1	2	17	13	7
Fulham	6	2	2	2	9	13	6
Barnsley	5	1	3	1	9	10	5
Grimsby	6	0	4	2	9	14	4
Wolves	6	1	2	3	7	15	4
Southpton	6	1	1	4	9	15	3
Reading	6	0	2	4	8	18	2
Sth. Shields	6	0	1	5	5	18	1
Blackpool	6	0	1	5	6	20	1
Port Vale	5	0	1	4	3	13	1
Notts County	5	0	1	4	2	13	1

Division III (South).

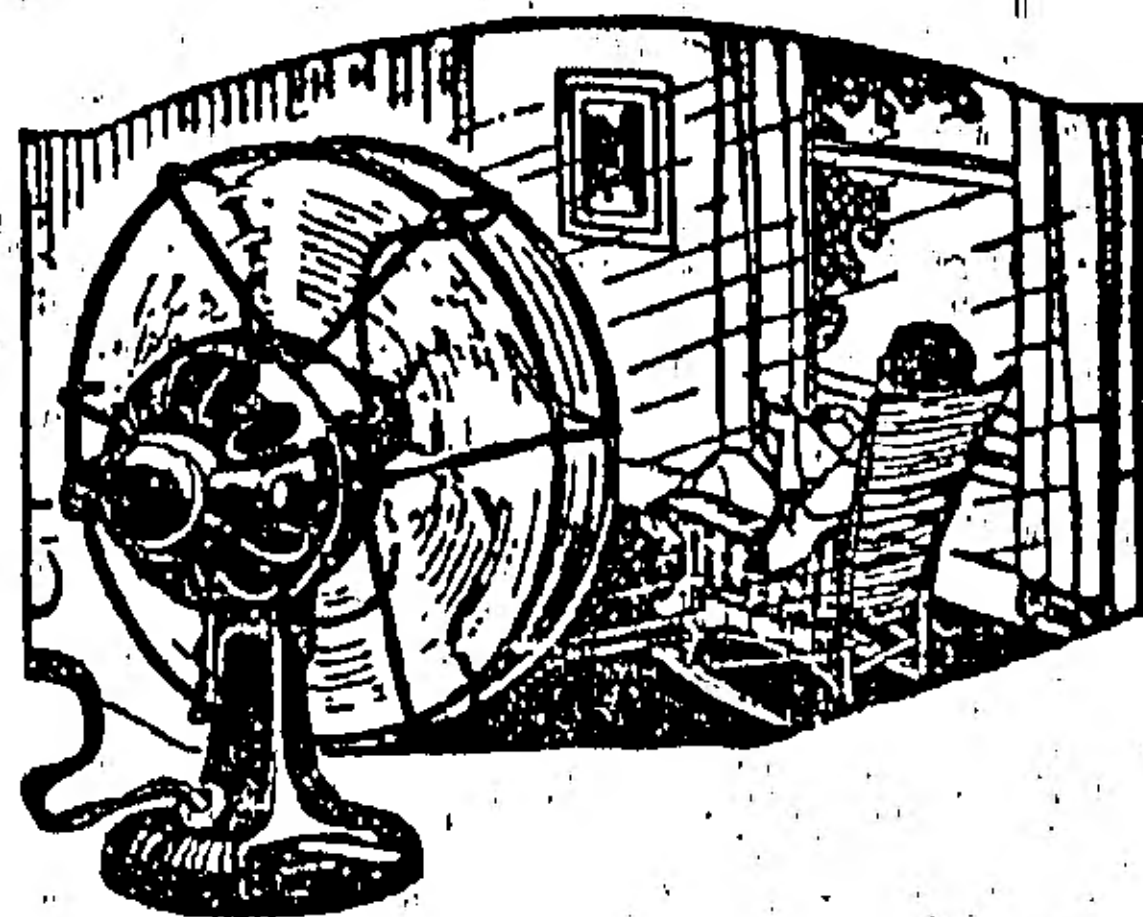
Norwich	6	4	2	0	17	5	10
Q.P.R.	6	4	1	1	15	10	9
Northants	6	4	0	2	18	9	8
Millwall	6	4	0	2	20	10	8
Southend	6	4	0	2	16	11	8
Newport	6	4	0	2	17	12	8
Brentford	6	4	0	2	17	12	8
Brighton	6	3	1	2	16	12	7
Charlton	5	2	3	0	9	7	7
Plymouth	6	2	2	2	14	9	6
Crystal Palace	6	2	2	2	8	13	6
Swindon	6	2	1	3	13	12	5
Gillingham	6	1	3	2	10	15	5
Bristol Rovers	6	1	2	4	13	17	5
Coventry	6	1	3	2	10	14	5
Walsall	6	2	1	3	9	14	5
Exeter	6	2	1	3	8	14	5
Watford	6	2	0	4	12	13	4
Merthyr	5	1	2	2	5	11	4
Luton	6	1	1	4	10	16	3
Bournemouth	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Torquay	6	1	1	4	6	21	3

Division III (North).

Wrexham	7	4	2	1	10	6	10
Lincoln	6	5	0	1	18	11	10
Bradford	6	4	1	1	15	9	9
Rochdale	5	4	0	1	9	6	8
Halifax	7	3	2	2	19	13	8
Darlington	5	3	1	1	9	1	7
Tranmere	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
N. Brighton	6	3	1	2	14	12	7
Nelson	5	3	0	2	13	7	6
Doncaster	6	2	2	2	10	6	6
Hartlepool	5	3	0	2	9	9	6
Rotherham	5	3	0	2	9	10	6
Chesterfield	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Crawley	7	1	3	3	6	14	5
Accrington	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
Southport	6	2	0	4	11	12	4
Durham	6	2	0	4	10	15	4
Stockport	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Bradford C.	5	1	1	3	9	9	3
Wigan	6	1	1	4	8	14	3
Ashington	7	0	2	5	11	28	2
Barrow	6	1	0	5	7	20	2

Scottish League.

Rangers.....	6	6	0	0	24	6	12
Celtic.....	4	2	0	0	13	1	10
Motherwell..	5	0	1	16	7	10	
St. Mirren...	4	1	1	13	11	9	
Hearts.....	6	4	0	2	20	6	8
Airdrie.....	6	3	1	2	12	9	7
Kilmarnock..	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
St. Johnstone	6	3	1	2	8	13	7
Falkirk.....	6	3	0	3	13	11	6
Partick.....	6	3	0	3	11	17	6
Clyde.....	6	2	1	3	8	12	5
Bohemia.....	6	2	1	3	7	12	5
C. Denbeath..	6	2	1	3	7	14	5
Hibernians..	6	2	0	4	11	12	4
Abertee.....	6	2	0	4	15	16	4
Raith.....	6	2	0	4	14	16	4
Hamilton....	6	2	0	4	9	13	4
Queen's Park	6	1	1	4	7	14	3
Dundee.....	6	1	1	4	5	10	3
Dunfermline	6	0	1	5	4	19	3



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HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Matches played in the principal English leagues on Saturday were productive of few surprises, although there was fairly heavy scoring. Newcastle now head the First Division, having dropped only two points in six matches. Cardiff and West Ham were the only teams to win away from home and both are now in the first half dozen in the table.

The Second Division was characterised by an almost unbroken succession of wins by the home teams, ten being successful. Stoke only succeeded in drawing, with Grimsby as the opposition. The best scoring feat was by Swansea and West Bromwich, who scored six each at the expense of Wolverhampton and Blackpool respectively.

Clapton are at the head of the League, having dropped only one point this season. Bristol City, however, have not dropped a point and have a game in hand on Clapton.

Full results as enabled by Reuters are as follows:

Division I.			
Arsenal	2	Sunderland	1
Birmingham	1	Cardiff	3
Burnley	4	Aston Villa	2
Dury	1	Sheffield U.	0
Huddersfield	4	Manchester U.	2
Leicester	2	West Ham.	3
Liverpool	5	Derby	2
Middlesbro'	2	Blackpool	3
Newcastle	2	Everton	2
Portsmouth	3	Tottenham	0
Wolves	3	Bolton	0

Division II.

Bristol C.	4	Rending	1
Clapton O.	2	Chelsea	2
Fulham	3	Barnsley	1
Hull	1	South Shields	0
Manchester C.	2	Leeds	1
Notts. Forest	2	Notts. County	1
Preston N. E.	4	Port Vale	0
Southampton.	5	Oldham	2
Stoke	0	Grimsby	0
Swansea	6	Wolves	0
West Brom.	6	Blackburn	0

Division III. (South).			
Coventry	1	Plymouth	1
Crystal Pal.	1	Brighton	1
Exeter	3	Southend	2
Gillingham	1	Merthyr	1
Luton	2	Brentford	2
Millwall	2	Bournemouth.	0
Newport	3	Bristol R.	1
Queen's P. R.	2	Watford	1
Swindon	2	Charlton	2
Torquay	1	Northampton	2
Walsall	1	Norwich	1

Division III. (North).		
Accrington	0	Darlington
Bradford C.	2	Bradford
Chesterfield	2	Trammore
Durham	4	Barrow
Hartlepool	4	Ashington
Lincoln	5	Crewes
New Brighton	3	Halifax
Rotherham	3	Rochdale
Southport	1	Nelson
Wigan	1	Doncaster
Wrexham	1	Stockport

Scottish League.		
Clyde	3	Aberdeen
Dundee	1	St. Johnstone
Dunfermline	1	Celtic
Falkirk	3	St. Mirren
Hibernians	3	Cowdenbeath
Hamilton	5	Dooness
Kilmarnock	1	Motherwell
Raith Rovers	4	Partick T.
Queen's Park	0	Hearts
Rangers	2	Airdrieonians

KOWLOON C. C.

LAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES REVIEWED.

The report and balance sheet of the Kowloon Cricket Club for the season 1926-27 has just been circulated to members. It states:

The accompanying Accounts show a slight profit and under the circumstances your Committee consider the result of the year's working to be satisfactory.

Since the 1st August, 1926, fifty-four new members have joined the Club, a few old members rejoined and one hundred and eleven names were removed on account of resignations, departure from the Colony and other reasons.

The present Membership is 360, made up as follows:

	Present.	Absent.	Total.
Life	9	5	14
Ordinary	220	42	262
Sea-Going	41	14	55
Naval and Military	20	3	23

The Committee record with deep regret the deaths of Dr. J. C. D. Allan, Capt. W. S. Turnbull and Capt. C. E. Page.

Ground.

The Cricket pitch has received good attention during the summer months and should be in excellent condition for the coming season. The Bowling Green is in splendid condition.

The Club was very successful at the Horticultural Show, six 1st and six 2nd prizes being obtained.

Club House.

Some small renewals were made during the year and it is contemplated that further necessary repairs will have to be effected in the near future.

Ladies' Pavilion.

The building is in fairly good condition but will require some attention soon to put it into better order.

Cricket.

The Club experienced a very successful and enjoyable season, the 1st XI heading the Senior Division League and proving one of the strongest sides in the Colony. The batting was very strong and the fielding nearly always good and sometimes brilliant. With all last year's players available and the addition of some new talent, a very powerful combination will be fielded again this coming season and the Club may well hope to repeat last season's successes.

The 2nd XI should have been much stronger but for an unfortunate inability to hold their catches. This season, however, there will be keen competition for inclusion in both teams and as fielding may be a determining factor this fault should be eliminated.

The outstanding cricketer of the season was W. Brace, who scored over 1,000 runs for an average of over 60. This is an unique feat in the Club's history and represents both brilliant and consistent batting.

We congratulate F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsay and Capt. E. W. Morris on being selected for Hongkong in the Interport match against Shanghai last November.

Both Shanghai and Malaya are probably visiting Hongkong this winter and we hope to have the honor of entertaining them at the K. C. C. Members wishing to play cricket this season are requested to sign their names on the board in the Club House.

Tennis.

Due to heavy rains during the last two months, the annual lawn tennis tournament has not progressed very far and it is hoped members will make an effort to play off their ties before the cricket season commences.

We entered three teams in the Hongkong Tennis League. Owing to several of our senior players not being available our B. and C. teams were weakened through the transfer of the players from B. to A. and C. to B. teams.

The A team was placed third in the League but the other two teams did not do very well.

Altogether 32 players participated in the matches.

Lawn Bowls.

This game has attracted many more players this year than ever before.

The keenness of several new bowlers this season is very gratifying. Cricket and tennis enthusiasts have taken to this so-called "old man's game."

All competitions are being keenly contested, and the Committee take this opportunity of congratulating the winners of the various trophies. It is very gratifying that our bowlers won the 2nd Division League Championship and we have great hopes of repeating last year's success. Our green is one of the very best greens in the Colony.

Children's Sports.

The event was held on New Year's Day and met with its usual success. The thanks of the Committee are tendered to the many generous subscribers, and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted on that occasion.

Dances and Concert.

Several dances were held during the winter and were well attended and much enjoyed. A concert was held on May 28th in aid of Hospital Comforts for the troops which was a great success, and a sum of \$400 sent to the fund.

The Committee thank the numerous donors of prizes for the sport competitions.

NAVAL YARD SPORTS.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AT STONECUTTERS.

The annual children's sports organised by the Naval Yard Recreation Club took place at Stonecutters Island on Saturday afternoon when the band of H.M.S. Durban was in attendance and played selections. Much of the success of the sports was due to the capable organisation by Messrs. A. Ursell, W. Morris, T. Magill, C. Boryer, C. Jones and A. Lewis.

Commodore and Mrs. Pearson were among those present, the latter distributing the prizes at the close of the sports. Mesdames Ursell, Jones, Boryer, Read and Gull materially contributed to the success of the gathering, and much amusement was caused by the appearance of Messrs. C. Jones, F. Wynne, J. Laidlor and W. J. Davies in a clown party.

The following are the results of the various events.

Girls Race (6-10): R. Guest, M. Magill.
Boys Race (5-10): R. Egan, D. Oliver.
Boys Relay Race: R. Gull, K. Harrison.
Girls Race (10-14): J. Bates, B. Magill.
Boys Race (10-14): F. Bacon, A. Hargreaves.
Boys Relay Race (6-10): D. Oliver, R. Stevenson.
Boys Race (3-6): F. Hughes, D. Mitchell.

Girls Swimming (14-18): M. George, D. George.
Boys Thread and Needle Race: A. Hargreaves, F. Bacon.
Boys Swimming (14-18): B. Yal-land, R. Bates.

Ladies Race: Mrs. Hollidge, Mrs. Pengelly, Mrs. Gull.
"Not Cup" (members only): W. R. Harvey, L. Faulkner, R. Jones.
Clowns Race: Dead heat (Messrs. Wynne, Jones, Davis and Laidlor).

1ST XI BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Batting.	Inn.	Not Out.	H.S.	Agg.	Avg.
W. Brace	19	5	105	60.20	10.20
F. Goodwin	19	5	91	61.10	9.50
Capt. E. W. Morris	12	2	100	36.10	10.10
A. W. Ramsay	17	2	89	48.20	10.10
J. C. Lyle	25	8	69	49.20	10.10
Capt. F. G. Hovis	17	5	58	21.70	10.10
W. F. Fincher	21	1	73	35.50	10.10
W. G. Guest	14	3	33	14.20	10.10

Also batted:

E. C. Fincher	7	—	60	218	31.14
K. R. Macaskill	7	2	48	130	28.89
F. E. Lawrence	13	—	72	245	18.84

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Capt. E. W. Morris	61.5	2	214	19	12.84
J. C. Lyle	29.2	7	827	68	12.17
F. Goodwin	21.1	35	709	48	15.73
W. F. Fincher	55.5	16	208	13	14.08
W. Brace	11.6	24	383	19	20.15
N. H. Ross	137.5	13	706	54	20.76
W. G. Guest	41	4	189	9	21.00

2ND XI BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Batting.	Inn.	Not Out.	H.S.	Agg.	Avg.
L. A. R. Duncan	11	1	45	191	10.10
W. Hyde	12	—	116	221	18.66
A. Lee	12	7	60	173	15.72
A. A. Dand	8	—	45	119	14.86
J. E. Hancock	12	—	88	168	14.00
F. Hamilton	7	—	17	89	12.20

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
L. A. R. Duncan	70.3	18	231	26	8.80
A. Lee	69.14	12	171	16	10.68
W. Hyde	70.7	11	311	23	13.52
J. E. Hancock	92.8	20	308	16	16.25

TUNNEY-DEMPSEY.

CHAMPION'S RIGHT EYE BADLY CUT.

Chicago, Sept. 17. As the training of Tunney and Dempsey is nearing an end, the experts are finding increasing difficulty in picking the winner of the fight on Thursday next.

Most of the experts came to Illinois a month ago with Tunney in their minds, but the little they have seen of Dempsey's secret training since, has not favourably impressed them, that they are wary of making an unqualified choice. Indeed the consensus of opinion is that the fight will be one of the toughest.

The inch-long cut over Tunney's right eye, which his sparring partner, "Chuck" Wiggins opened several days ago, had another bad time yesterday, when a series of jabs and hooks by the same compromising and bitter, left it inflamed and bleeding. Although Tunney is not worrying, a specialist has been summoned from Chicago to attend him.

Reuter's American Service.

INTER-DEPARTMENT BOWLS.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT DEFEATS POLICE.

The final of the Inter-Department Lawn Bowl Tournament took place on the grounds of the Civil Service rink yesterday the result being a win for the Sanitary Department against the police by 21 points to 14.

The score is a fair reflex of the difference between the two teams, the Sanitary Department having just slightly the better of the game through the 21 heads.

For the winners Hill, the skip, played a good game and was responsible for many of the points scored by his side.

The teams and scores were:

S. D.	11	K. P.
Smith	—	Mist
Roylance	—	Marks
Duncan	—	Reid

Hill (Skip) .. 22 Sward (Skip) .. 14

At the conclusion of the 21 heads the cup for the winning department was presented by Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke to Mr. Hill, the Captain of the Sanitary Department team. In doing so, he congratulated the department of winning two years in succession.

Among a party of about 250 persons who left England recently for Canada to attend the second Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress was one woman, Miss C. F. Elam, the only woman metallurgist in the world. She carries on her studies at her home in Barnet, and recently won a scholarship entitling her to accompany the delegation to the Dominion. She will make a tour of Canada, visiting the principal mining centres in the Dominion. Miss Elam smiled vivaciously when asked by a Press representative what she thought of the prospect. "I am very happy," she said, "it will be a great experience, and I am very grateful for the opportunity."

LAWN TENNIS.

SEMI-FINAL OF AMERICAN NATIONAL.

Forest Hill, Sept. 17. In the semi-final of the American National Singles Championship, Tilden beat Hunter, 14-12, 6-1, 4-6, 0-7. Loebe beat Johnston 6-2, 2-6, 8-4, 6-1.—Reuter's American Service.

Y.M.C.A. TENNIS.

An American Tournament Yesterday.

The first tournament to be played on the King's Park Courts of the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club took place yesterday when sixteen players participated in an American tournament arranged for the purpose of deciding handicaps for future competitions. Each player played six sets of seven games each, total points obtainable being 42.

The scores were as follows: Capt. J. P. Murray, C. F. 33, F. Cowherd, 31, A. Eastman 30, W. R. Greenhalgh 28, E. Ponsford 26, H. Angus 25, R. H. Thomas 22, F. E. G. Munn 21, C. R. F. Johnson 21, A. F. Brennan 19, A. C. Wilkison 13, W. G. Lacey, 17, G. R. Moore 14, H. T. Buxton 14, R. Murray 11, H. Parsons 6.

Play will shortly commence in the competition for the challenge cup presented by Mr. T. G. Weall.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA V. SCOTS GUARDS.

A keen tussle was seen at Soekun-yo yesterday afternoon when a team representing South China met and defeated the Scots Guards by two goals to one, in a game that was fairly evenly contested.

The Chinese team included some of those players who toured Australia. China had rather the better of the exchanges throughout and might have succeeded in winning by a larger margin had the soldiers' defence been inclined to weakness. Except that the Chinese showed more initiative there was not a great deal to choose between the respective sides. At no time did the play reach a particularly high level.

South China opened the scoring from a scramble in front of goal, but before the interval McNeven equalised from a penalty for hands. South China again secured the lead about 15 minutes after the resumption, and this they maintained until the end, in spite of determined efforts by the guards to draw level.

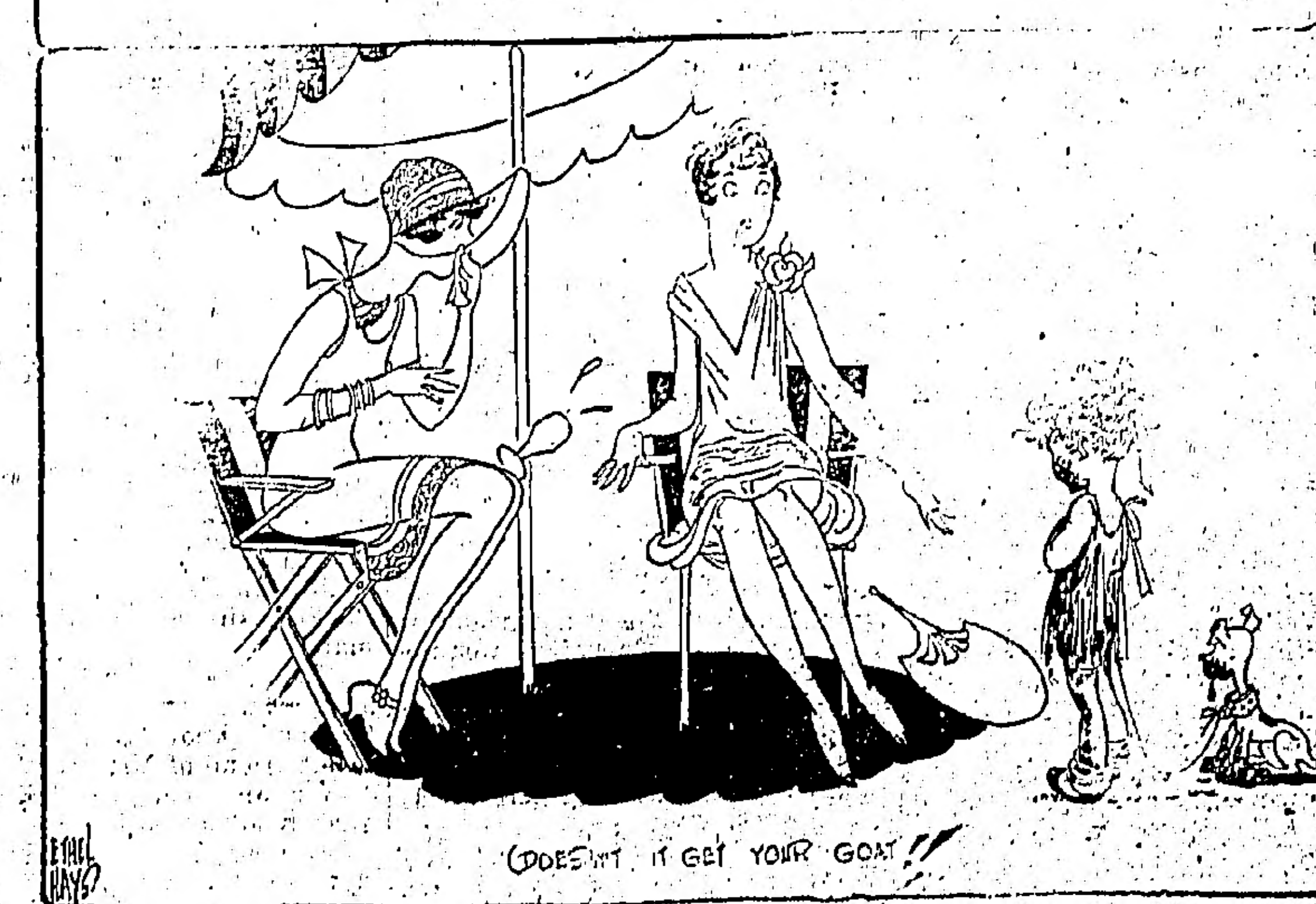
Chinese Athletic Beat Soldiers.

There was a very large crowd at Soekun-yo on Saturday to see a match between the Chinese Athletic Association and the Northamptonshire Regiment.

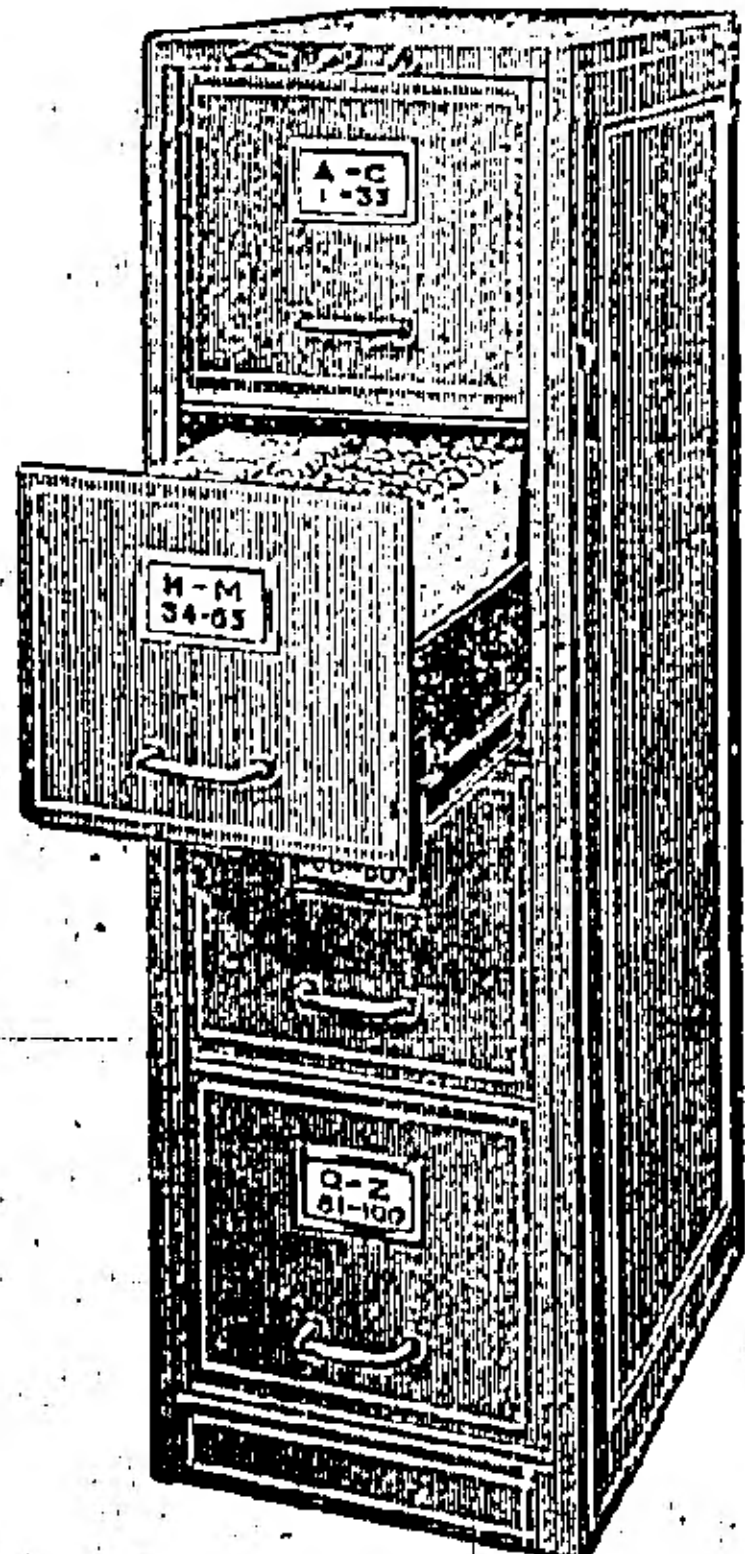
Play during the first half was very even, and the pace fast. After the interval, the Chinese managed to score twice, and although the soldiers made repeated efforts to equalise they were not successful.

The scorers for the Chinese were Suen Kam-shun and Wong Pak-cheung.

GOAT GETTERS.



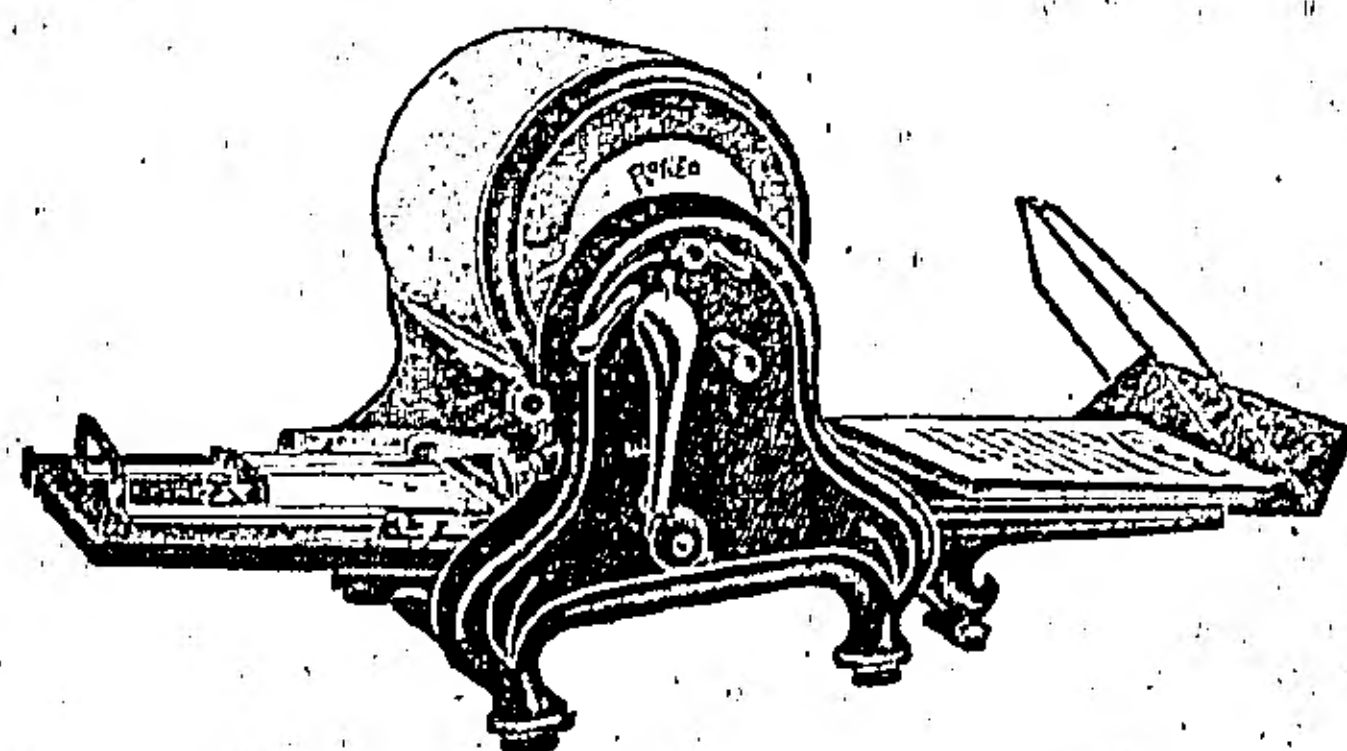
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MY LADY: A TALE OF MYSTERY.

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JOHN MORLAY, head of a firm of commercial inquiry agents, declines to investigate on behalf of

JULIAN LESTER, a young man about town, the financial circumstances of the beautiful young

COUNTESS MARIE FIOLE, whose nurse

MRS. CARAWOOD, Julian suspects of having appropriated part of the fortune left the Countess by her mother. Instead Morlay is persuaded by Mrs. Carawood to become guardian to the Countess.

JOE SALTER, an ex-convict, is caught burgling by Julian in his flat, and promises to assist the latter when required.

HERMAN is a young man employed by Mrs. Carawood at her principal establishment.

FENNER is an eccentric carpenter, in love with Mrs. Carawood.

MR. MARTIN, an inquiry agent, is employed by Julian to spy upon Mrs. Carawood.

CHAPTER VII.

Herman came slowly back into the shop.

"Hullo!" he said unceremoniously.

"Good morning, Herman."

"Not so much of the 'Herman' as said the youth going red of face. "Do you want to buy a mantle because there's nobody here to sell it?"

"My dear fellow—" began Mr. Martin, the inquiry agent.

"Don't you 'dear fellow' me!" replied Herman loudly.

He looked round. Fenner had discreetly disappeared.

"And don't try to sell me any safes to keep my money in, because I've got no money. And don't ask me whether Mrs. Carawood wants to buy a safe, because I've told you she doesn't want to buy a safe."

Martin smiled broadly. "She's the lady who does want to buy a safe," he said. "Don't you see how dangerous it is for a lady to keep her money in a box under her bed?"

"I didn't say that," said Herman, redder and louder still. His glare was ferocious. For a second Martin thought he was contemplating some violent assault.

"I merely come as a business man," he began in a tone designed to mollify and disarm. "To offer Mrs. Carawood a safe for keeping her valuables on easy terms."

"She ain't got any valuables on easy terms, anyway," retorted Herman violently. "She earns all the money she gets."

He walked to the door and flung it open.

"You come here spyin' and nosin' round, trying to kid me to give you information. You're a burglar—that's what you are. For tuppence I'd send for the police."

"I'd like to see Mrs. Carawood," Herman pointed majestically to the street.

"Wait for her outside," he said. It was two days since this insidious stranger had strolled into the shop, curiously enough at the hour when both Mrs. Carawood and her woman assistant were out, and by artful suggestions and cunning questions had discovered certain intimate particulars regarding that lady's methods of business. She had a banking account; he knew that, and he had even discovered the extent of her balance. More to his purpose, he had learned, through the inadvertent betrayal of the youth, of the big black box under the bed, a box which was kept locked and the key of which never left Mrs. Carawood's possession. For two days Herman had lived in an agony of remorse, sensing instinctively the extent of his betrayal, not daring to tell the woman he loved better than life that he had been found wanting. And now the remorse which was within him had concentrated into a fury of insane rage. Herman looked round for a long-handled brush and advanced towards the Judas. Mr. Martin did not wait for reprisals.

He had withheld the news from Julian, but now there was no need for further mystery. He could not gain more information from this source, and he hurried to Bedford-square and met the young man as he was coming out. Julian turned back with his agent.

"Well, what is your news?" With some elaboration the detective told him all he had learned and much that he had guessed. "She's got about three thousand pounds cash at the bank, and a turnover of a couple of hundred a week. I believe she's got shares at her bank, but so far as I can find out she has no documents of any kind."

"They're not at the bank?" asked Julian.

"No, sir, they are in the box. The boy wasn't so easy as I thought he'd be, but he let it out by accident. I pretended I was selling a line of safes, and he told it without trouble. It's a black box—I tried to get him to let me see it, but he wouldn't fall for it—it has two locks, and she carries the keys at the end of a chain which she wears round her neck. The bedroom door is always locked, and the box itself is seldom opened, except when the young lady comes to town."

"Did he tell you that?" asked Julian quickly.

The man hesitated.

"He didn't exactly tell me that, but I had to piece together the bits and pieces, and that is what I make out. There is one thing I wanted to say, sir, I don't think I'd better say seen with you. When we were talking together yesterday in the street I saw Mr. Morlay pass and I'm sure he saw us."

"Nonsense!" smiled Julian. "The woman must know sooner or later that I am behind these enquiries."

Mr. Martin was curious—it was his business to be curious.

"Excuse me, sir, you haven't told me very much about Mrs. Carawood. What is it you want to find? It would be a much easier job for me if I knew what you were after."

"I mean, if I saw your hand."

"My hand?" Julian laughed. "Oh, you mean if I look you entirely into my confidence?"

"I don't know what you think the woman has been doing," Martin went on, "but the only fact I have really discovered is that she keeps her valuables in a box under the bed. You couldn't get her convicted for that."

"I suppose not," said Julian. And then, after a moment: "I'll ask you this much into my confidence, Martin. I have reason to believe that this woman is hiding certain vital facts concerning—er—your lady, the Countess Marie Fioli. The Countess is, I believe, a very rich lady, though she is ignorant of the fact. It is very necessary for me that I should know her—she paused again, and added: "financial position."

Martin grinned knowingly.

"I see, sir."

"That's the long and the short of it," Julian went on. "For certain reasons I cannot afford to wait or to make leisurely enquiries. I have to come to a decision quickly."

"I get you, sir. You want to know whether there's another man who doesn't care whether she's rich or poor."

It was a tactless thing to say, an impertinent thing. Julian, not easily perturbed, was slightly annoyed, but mastered his anger. This association with private enquiry agents was distasteful to him; but the situation was critical, and he was prepared to sacrifice a great deal to gain his ends. Here might be the opportunity of his life. He was not a bad man; he was not essentially a good one. Easy money without risk was a vital necessity, and a good marriage was his life's objective. He was as much in the market as the most impetuous debutante piloted through society by a designing mother. He liked Marie as much as he was capable of liking anybody, and if he married her he would deal with her kindly and considerably, would manage her affairs with the most scrupulous honesty, and, secure in the possession of a competence, would find some other mission to occupy his spare moments.

He sent the man away with a modest sum on account and, passing into his bedroom, re-brushed his hair, re-arranged his tie, and examined himself critically in the cheval glass. Marie was returning that day, and first new impressions were everything. He wondered, as he travelled towards Pimlico, whether there had been anything in his bantering suggestion that John Morlay was in love with the girl. It had been a shot at a venture; he hardly believed it possible that people could be in love in the old story-book fashion, and certainly John was not the kind of man who would be likely to succumb to the fascinations of a pretty face. The girl's fortune meant nothing to Morlay; of that he was convinced; for John was well-to-do, had inherited a considerable sum from his uncle, while the profits from his business were notoriously large.

Julian dismissed the possibility without a second thought. When he reached the shop in Penton-street he found Herman still ruffled from his encounter; but for

DAY-TO-DAY HEROISM.

THE UNDYING SPIRIT OF SELF-SACRIFICE.

In every holiday-season a tale of fatal accidents turns pleasure into tragedy and in the holidays that have only just begun there have been many fatal accidents, in the air, among the fells, by road, by river, and by sea—among them an accident so nearly incredible as death from the bursting of an abandoned shell. In most of such stories the sadness is unrelieved; but some there are which awake not only sympathy with the relatives and friends of the lost, but a glow of admiration (which must do something to console even them) for the heroism which the accident has called forth.

Among such stories stands out that which was told in the corner's court at Bournemouth. Four young people had put out to sea in a sailing boat. About half a mile from shore it overturned. The four occupants—they were two brothers and two sisters, aged from twenty-one to eleven—showed extraordinary courage, in the words of the coroner, "each in helping the others and doing what was almost beyond their capacity to do." The elder sister, swam, for shore to seek help; but the distance in roughish water, proved too much for her strength, and she was drowned. The elder brother and the younger sister did all that lay in their power to keep the boy of eleven above water. Eventually he, too, lost his grip; his brother caught his foot in the gear and both perished. Only the younger girl was saved by the alacrity of some Boy Scouts, who had noticed her plight from the shore and had put out in a boat to her rescue.

In the Himalayas.

There was the same spirit of heroism in the story of an adventure in the Himalayas, Major Minchinton, an officer in the Indian Army and an intrepid climber, was descending Mount Mun, when he fell a thousand feet and was severely injured in the back. One of the Gurkhas with him was able to walk away, though he too had shared in the accident, and found Lieutenant Bain Smith, also of the Indian Army, who was on an expedition with his wife. He immediately went off to the rescue and succeeded in reaching the spot, at great peril to his own life, by kicking steps through the crust of the snow with his stockinged feet. Removing his coat and placing Minchinton upon it Bain Smith dragged him slowly down the snow slope. The pair to the injured man was so great that he became delirious; nevertheless he was thus brought some thousand feet nearer to safety. But the rescuer could do no more; and went off to seek further help. He persuaded four "very reluctant" shepherds to go with him, and showed them where the Major lay, being so exhausted himself that he could only follow by crawling. Darkness fell, and little progress had been made. The four shepherds, disappeared. Bain Smith struggled down again in the dark; but when eventually a well-equipped party reached Minchinton he was dead. So in this instance too the self-sacrifice was in vain. But the heroism remains, and it is something to know that the spirit which risks all for the sake of another has not passed away with the War.

The Times.

A machine by which composers will be able to type down their musical ideas in one or several copies, as easily as a letter is written by typewriter has just been perfected by Lajos Viragh, a retired postal director at Budapest. The model of the machine, on which Mr. Viragh has been at work for three years, is constructed of wood and rubber, and should the manufactured machines prove as satisfactory as the model, the work of composers and those obliged to read manuscript music will be enormously facilitated.

him the youth had a seraphic smile. "No sir, Mrs. Carawood's out." "She's gone to the station, I suppose to meet the Countess?" "No, sir," was the reply. And then came a statement which staggered Julian. "Mr. Morlay has gone to meet 'lady.'" "Mr. Morlay?" He was incredulous. "Do you mean Mr. John Morlay?" Herman nodded vigorously. "Yes, sir—a very nice gentleman."

"But why on earth—" began Julian and then checked himself. "I didn't know that Mr. Morlay was a friend of Mrs. Carawood's?"

Herman coughed. He had already advanced too many confidences, and felt the need for caution.

"I don't know much about Mrs. Carawood's business," he said diplomatically.

(To be Continued.)

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. T. R. PERCY.

REMAINS CREMATED AT SHANGHAI.

The funeral service over the late Mr. Thomas Rogers Percy, formerly of Hongkong, was held on Tuesday at Bubbling Well Chapel, Shanghai, being attended by a large number of business associates, fellow club-members, and friends. The remains were cremated.

The Very Rev. Dean Symons read the service, and a male choir sang several selections, including the closing number, "Abide with me." Because of cremation, there were no pall-bearers, but members of his unit, C. section 1st division, S. M. P. Specials, acted as honorary pall-bearers. Mr. D. McDonald presided at the organ.

Although it had been requested that no flowers should be sent, large numbers of friends and associated business firms paid floral tribute as well.

It will be recalled that the late Mr. Percy died suddenly from heart failure after an attack of pneumonia on the Sunday night. He had been in the Far East for about 10 years and was connected with the Canadian Pacific Railways for about 21 years, serving here as general passenger agent, and was at one time in the Hongkong Office.

Deceased is survived by his wife, mother, a brother, and sister.

NEW GUNBOATS.

TWO ALMOST READY.

The first two of the four new gunboats completing at the Taikoo Dock for service on the Yangtze should be ready soon. These vessels have been built by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., and shipped to the Far East for re-erection. The first vessel, the Peterel, which had her foremast displaced in a typhoon this week, will be an additional unit in the Yangtze Flotilla and will be commanded by Lieut. Commander H. E. Heaton, late of the battleship Valiant. The second ship, H.M.S. Tern, relieves the Woodcock. Lieutenant-Commander D. Garvey. The later vessels, Gannet and Seagull, will replace the Woodcock and Robin. The three gunboats to be relieved were built 30 years ago and are worn out. The new vessels are of greatly improved design, with geared turbines instead of reciprocating engines, oil-fired boilers instead of coal, higher speed, more modern armament, and more convenience for their crews.

THE CAPTAIN'S PIPE.

WHY WRECKED PASSENGERS WERE REASSURED.

About 50 members of the crew of the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer Bayrumpet (4,037 tons), which struck an uncharted rock near Farmyard Island, off the Labrador coast, on July 22, arrived at Liverpool in the Furness. Why steamer Nova Scotia. The Bayrumpet was making her second trip from Antrossan to Hudson Bay.

There were on board a crew of 62 and 30 passengers, who were all taken in boats to the uninhabited Farmyard Island, where they spent three days before they were taken on board the steamer Kyie, which had answered the S.O.S. sent out by the Bayrumpet. Mr. John Robertson, the cook, told a reporter:

When we felt the impact some of the crew thought we had hit an iceberg, but it was soon apparent that we were on a rock. The fact that the master, Captain Thomas F. Smiley, continued to smoke his pipe reassured some who would have become afraid.

Under the master's orders, given out as quietly as if the men were swung out when it was decided to abandon the ship. The women were first of all placed in the boats, and then the rest of the passengers and afterwards the crew. One boat was a motorboat, which towed the others six miles to Farmyard Island, a small island about 15 miles from the mainland.

We took plenty of stores with us, and some live fowls, pigs, and sheep, which we left on the island. We made tents with boat covers and oars. Fishermen fishing in the neighbourhood gave us some wood, so that we could light fires and we kept these going all night as the temperature was low.

Up to the present the most interesting "find" in the excavations of the road way in Piccadilly is a cavern reaching to a depth of about 18 feet. It was of brickwork, and it extended from the pavement to the centre of the road.

GIPSY LAW.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Prague: The prevalence of gipsies and other tramps who habitually prey on the rural population in Czechoslovakia has prompted the authorities to take restrictive measures against this nomadic community. Henceforth all wandering gipsies and tramps will be furnished with an identity book, which must be produced on demand. 15,000 of these books will be issued. The gipsies living in stationary settlements remain unaffected.

The police and gendarmerie are authorised to take the measurements and finger-prints of all tramps coming to their notice, and camps may only be struck with the permission of the municipal authorities, certain areas will be altogether prohibited, and foreign gipsies, many of whom come from Hungary and Poland, will not be allowed to enter the country.

As various kinds of disease are rife among the gipsies, medical examination and treatment are made compulsory. Tramps, whether gipsies or not, found in the possession of arms, are severely punished. Special regulations apply to the care of children who, if not properly looked after, may be placed with decent families or brought up at a public educational institution.

In this way it is hoped gradually to check the inordinate number of crimes which, at present, make the countryside, particularly in the eastern parts of the Republic, unsafe for the inhabitants.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Buses, Trams. China Buses, Tls. 7 n. Tramways, \$20 n. Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s. Singapore-Trams, 12/6 b.

Taxis, \$1 n. Miscellaneous. Amusements, \$20 n. Canton Ices, \$5 n. Coments (Comb.) \$7 s.

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CAFE PARISIEN.

APPLICATION IN BANK- RUPTCY COURT.

In the Bankruptcy court on Saturday Mr. D. L. Strellett applied on behalf of the Cafe Restaurant Parisien, Madame Flint, the Beauty Parlour Parisiana and the Europe-Asia Trading Company for an interim receiving order, the staying of sale of premises and the appointment of a special manager temporarily to carry on the business of these concerns.

His Lordship the acting Chief Justice Mr. J. R. Wood declined to make an interim receiving order or to postpone the sale of the premises, but granted a postponement for the sale of costumes, trimmings and hats for which, it was argued, a higher price could be obtained than if an auction took place.

The landlord of the premises whose claim was for \$13,000, was represented by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, who appeared also for several other smaller creditors.

The full application made by Mr. Strellett was as follows:

(1) For the granting of an interim receiving order.

(2) For the staying of the sale under distraints and executions now enforced against the properties of the above-named firms at 12, Pedder Street, until such time as the Court may deem fit.

(3) That the Court may appoint a special manager for the purpose of carrying on the debtors' business until the appointment of a trustee or until further order of the Court.

With regard to the first application the Official Receiver agreed that it was a good step to take at this stage. The main assets that were apparent were those at 12, Pedder Street, in which these businesses were carried on, and at 11 Le House Street.

Protection of Creditors. His Lordship requested Mr. Strellett to turn to the local Ordinance under which it would be seen that such a course should be followed for the better "realisation" of the estate but for its "protection."

Mr. Strellett: Your Lordship thinks that the assets may be dissipated or lost, apart from the question as to whether they should realise \$10 or \$1?

His Lordship agreed. The Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) said that there was almost certain to be a surplus and in that case someone would have to be appointed to take his figures very low indeed and there was likely to be a considerable surplus on his valuation.

He (the Official Receiver) would interpret the Ordinance as meaning "to the protection of the benefit of the creditors." He did not think that the word "protection" should be confined to the physical care or protection of the estate.

His Lordship: I think it means protection from waste. The Official Receiver: The effects would realise less at a forced sale than if they were sold carefully and I submit that what is being asked for would, in effect, be protection from waste.

His Lordship asked Mr. Armstrong, for his views.

Landlord's Opposition.

Mr. Armstrong said that the landlord was strongly opposed to the sale by auction being postponed. In fact, the Court had no power, to restrain the landlord from proceeding with his distress.

His Lordship asked for Mr. Armstrong's authorities. After consulting law books, His Lordship said that it was apparently to the advantage of the creditors that the sale be managed in some other way.

Mr. Armstrong: It is not to the landlord's advantage. His Lordship: How would he suffer?

Mr. Armstrong: He has let these premises to the debtors on a ten years' lease, eight years of which have still to run at what is now the fairly high rental of \$3,200 a month and he has been approached by a syndicate which proposes to form a limited company for the purpose of carrying on business.

This syndicate has agreed to take over the lease at the same rental. The landlord distrained several weeks ago since when the syndicate has been waiting. They have now approached the landlord and intimated that unless some decision is reached at once, the money will not be forthcoming. The goods were seized by the bailiff on July 18 and notice of sale by the landlord was given to this Court on September 2nd.

The sale was postponed a week by the Registrar and again postponed on the 12th for another week.

Sale Postponed. His Lordship said that under the Ordinance, the sale should proceed within a certain number of days and any application for postponement should have been made to the Court. No such application had been before him.

Mr. Armstrong mentioned that certain payments had been made by the debtors in consequence of which the sale had been postponed.

His Lordship pointed out that an application should have been made to the Court.

Mr. Strellett, replying to the Judge, said that if the goods were auctioned they would realise forty per cent less than they would receive at a sale. He added that according to the valuation made, if sold by auction the fixtures and fittings would fetch about \$13,000, whereas by postponement it was estimated that \$46,000 would be realised on the goods.

His Lordship indicated that a possible solution might be the postponement of the sale for a week and the appointment of the Official Receiver to direct affairs.

Not Desirable. Mr. Strellett pressed for the appointment of a special manager. His Lordship said he did not consider such an appointment desirable.

The Official Receiver said that he did not feel qualified for such a task as setting out the dresses to the best advantage and generally directing their sale. He would be entirely in the hands of the debtors as to prices to be charged and there would be no useful purpose served in his appointment. If the sale was to be postponed it was essential that a special manager should be appointed.

FOR THE M.C.L.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAIN- MENT AT THE PEAK.

A most successfully organised entertainment in aid of the M.C.L. was given on Friday at Mrs. Hilliard's residence, 173, The Peak, Mrs. Southern, President of the Hongkong Branch of the M.C.L. being among those present.

Seven or eight children were the sole performers, but they kept the grown-ups and the children in the audience amused and interested for about an hour and a half. Little Bridget Hilliard, although only two and a half years old, was delightful in her recitation "Polly put the kettle on." It is difficult to single out any of the children for special praise as they were all so natural and charming.

Mrs. Hilliard and her children's nurse, Miss Leonard were responsible for the teaching, staging and the rehearsing of the songs and recitations, while the costumes were very cleverly designed and made by them and little Kathleen Wolfe's nurse, Miss Lena Brown.

Although only a few of Mrs. Hilliard's friends were present, a sum of \$30 was collected. It is hoped that this entertainment will be given again so that a larger audience may enjoy it.

The programme was—

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Margaret Tod
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Betty Mitchell
Esme Hilliard

2. Song "Shadows" Margaret Tod
3. Recitation "King's Breakfast" Nancy Hornell
4. Duet "My Pretty Maid" Kathleen Wolfe
5. Song "Selected" Esme Hilliard
6. Recitation "Dolly" Esme Hilliard
7. Duet "Slumbers" Nancy Hornell
8. Song "Selected" Betty Mitchell
9. Fan Dance Esme Hilliard
Pat Tod.

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A Schoolgirl play in one act entitled "Lights Out."
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In connexion with such an appointment it was necessary to take into consideration the possibility that the sale might not turn out as advantageously as was anticipated. In that case, they might be faced with a deficit or only an amount sufficient to cover the distraint and costs. If a special manager was to be appointed it was obvious that he would have to be paid by someone.

His Lordship asked Mr. Armstrong what he thought of a postponement of the sale of goods alone and not of the actual property.

Mr. Armstrong said that he was agreeable providing His Lordship did not include all the materials. He would not object to the sale of goods such as dresses and hats.

His Lordship intimated that he thought this was the best course. No interim receiving order would be granted. An order would be made for the postponement of the sale of costumes, trimmings and hats only. Special directions as to the sale of these articles would be made by the Registrar. The hearing of the petitions would be adjourned.



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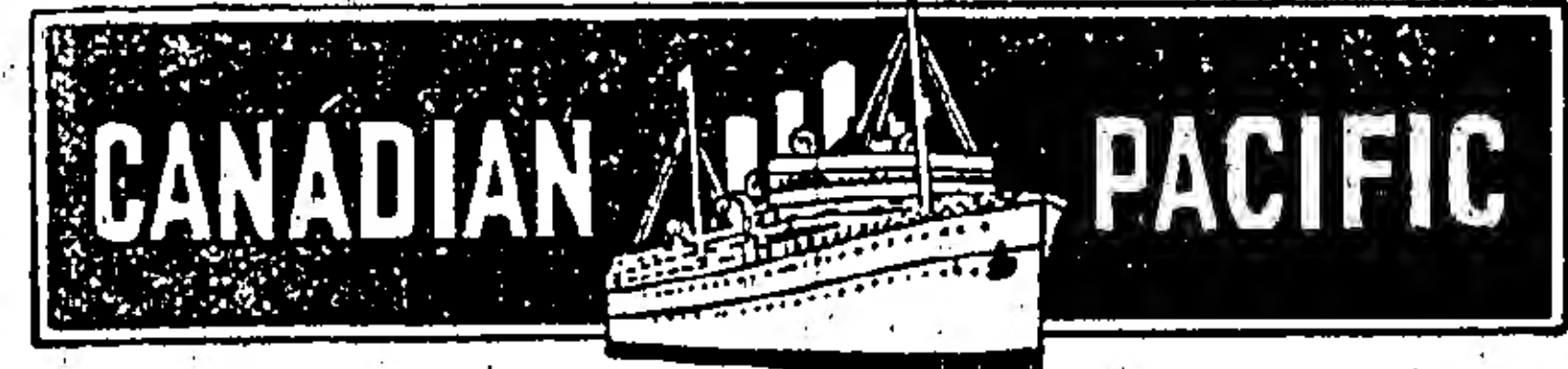
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Mr. Thompson gave evidence of the vessel's arrival on the date in question, carrying 35 passengers, whereas the ship was only allowed to carry 12.

Mr. Hugh Jones contended that the "passengers" were pig coolies, and were necessary for the proper working of the ship. Commenting on the regulations affecting the point and the definition of a "passenger," Mr. Hugh Jones remarked that the Chinese companies were "between the devil and the deep blue sea."

The Magistrate adjourned the case until the return of the ship, which left Hongkong on Saturday morning. The vessel is expected back in about three weeks.

Quarantine Regulations.

Mr. P. J. Stolen, master of the Norwegian boat, the s.s. Svele, pleaded guilty to breaches of quarantine regulations. He was charged with failing to fly the quarantine flag, and with not going to the quarantine anchorage on arrival in port.

The defendant said that he came from Hallow. Although he made enquiries, there was no told that that port had been declared infected. He was fined \$100 or two months.

Dangerous Practice.

Commenting that such a practice was very dangerous both to the defendant and to others, Commr. Hole fined a Chinese engineer \$50 or six weeks.

The defendant was the engineer of the motor boat Kwong Dien, and he was charged with using the boat without a certificated coxswain. Defendant admitted the charge, and said that the coxswain went ashore so he took the wheel himself.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE.

THE LATE MR. O. YAU-SHEUNG LAID TO REST.

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock a memorial service of the late Mr. O. Yau-sheung, a former student of the Hongkong University and a teacher of the Queen's College, was held at the Student Union's Assembly-room at the University. The wall of the room was covered with memorial scrolls and at the centre was the photo of the deceased. Among those present were the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Rev. T. W. Pearce, A. H. Crook, W. Faid, Professor Lai Chai-hai, members of the family of the late Mr. O. Yau-sheung and several others.

The service was presided over by Dr. S. Y. Wang who delivered a short speech commenting on the life of the late Mr. O. Yau-sheung. After the speech some music and two minutes' silence followed. Other speeches were later delivered by other gentlemen, who referred to the late Mr. O. as "one from whose sweet simplicity of magnetic personality we can draw a fruitful source of noble inspiration, and in whose idyllic purity of lovable character we can see a pathetic picture of beauty."

Mr. Lam Kar-man on behalf of his sister, Mrs. O. Yau-sheung, thanked the attendants of the service for their presence on the occasion.

Floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crook, Prof. W. Hinton, Prof. G. T. Byrne, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Birch, Mr. W. Kay, Dr. Arthur Woo, Dr. T. Y. Li, Hongkong University Student Union, Queen's College Old Boys' Association, Members of the Arts Association, Engineering Association, Medical Association, and the Education Society of the University. Residents of the Eliot Hall, May Hall, St. John's Hall, and many others. A large number of memorial scrolls were presented among them those by Yang Chung Girl School, Professor Lai Chai-hai, Dr. S. Y. Wang, the Pupils, Staff and the Board of Directors of the Chak Kwan Free Schools of which the late Mr. O. Yau-sheung was a founder and many others.

The funeral took place yesterday, a large number of University students as well as some 200 students from the Queen's College, attending.

FOR THE SERVICES.**KOWLOON DOCK BAND CONCERT.**

The ninth serial band concert, organised by Kowloon Dock United Services Club, was held on the lawn above the beach yesterday. The music was provided by the band of the 1st. Cameronians, a well balanced programme being given which was popularly received by the large number present. The lawn and bandstand were tastefully decorated with coloured electric lights by Mr. J. Kempton.

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TRADE REVIVAL.**PROSPECT OF A LOCAL CONFERENCE.**

In connexion with the efforts of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to bring about a revival of trade in the Colony, it is learned that a letter has been received by the Chinese Chamber from Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the General Chamber of Commerce, couched in the following terms:

"I am directed to draw your attention to my letter of 25th July in reply to yours of the 22nd July, on the subject of local trade conditions and to state that my committee will be glad to hear from the Chinese Chamber as to a suggested agenda for the proposed conference."

It will be recalled that some time ago the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at one of their monthly meetings, decided to invite the General Chamber of Commerce to a conference with a view to exchanging ideas on the subject of reviving trade. It was felt that the matter concerned both Chambers. A letter was accordingly sent to the General Chamber, but a reply was received to the effect that although the General Chamber equally deplored the unsatisfactory trade conditions, there could be no substantial improvement in trade in Hongkong until there is a "settled China."

sufficient funds to provide swathing trophies to be competed for by the troops at a swimming gala to be held at the end of the season, have proved very successful.

The Cameronians yesterday sustained their high class reputation. The programme commenced with the march "New Colonial," after which a cornet solo was delightfully rendered by Bds. G. Phillips, the title being "Sizletta." Then followed selections, musical travesty, Bell Gavotte, and Pot Pourri of Scottish airs, finishing up with a Grand Military Tattoo, and the Cameronian Rant.

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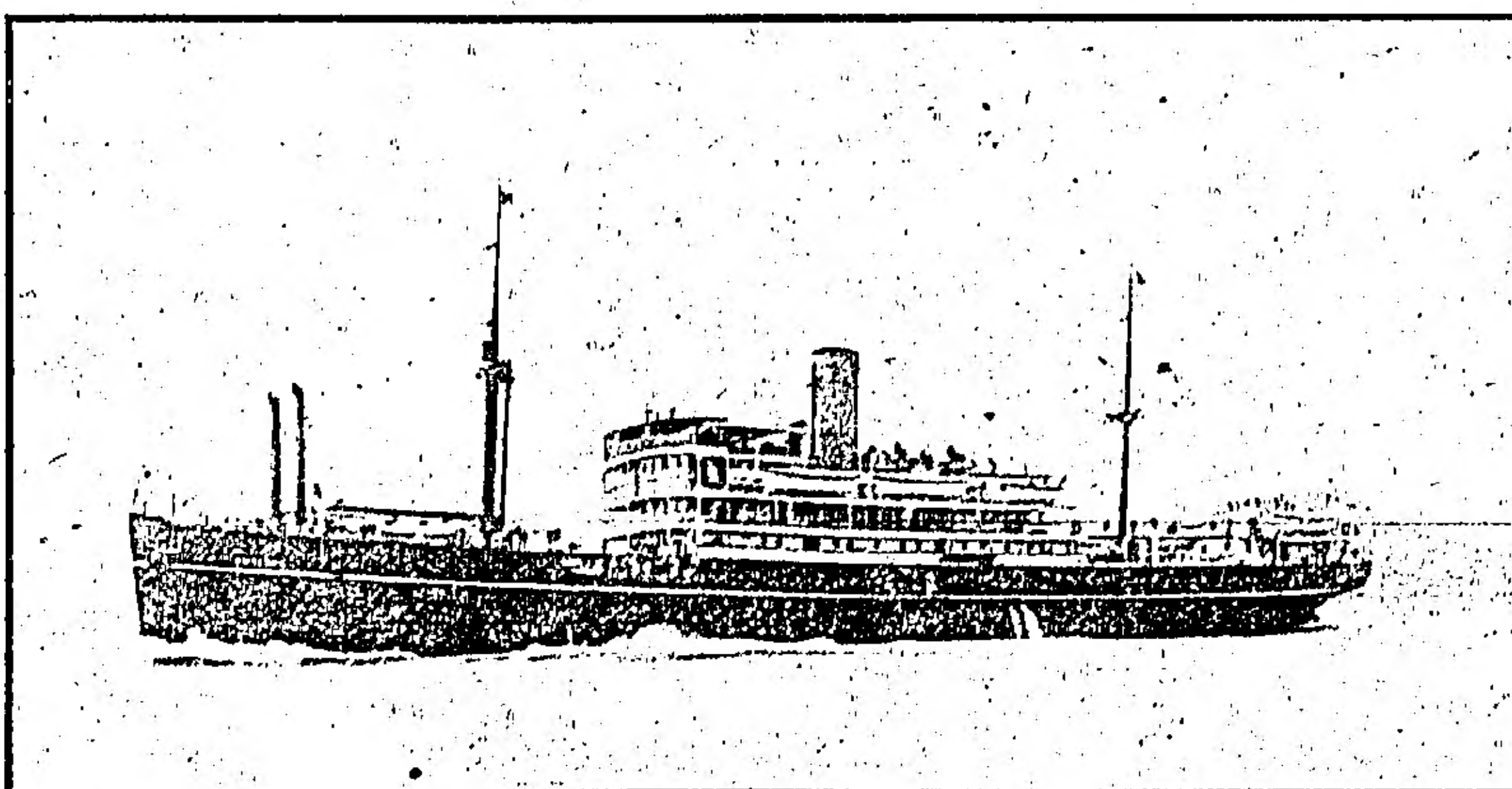
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LABOUR IN NORTH
BORNEO.

HOW A COMPANY SOLVED A
PROBLEM.

VALUE OF CHINESE.

Ever since the original North Borneo Provisional Association commenced its labours to secure a Royal Charter for the government of the territory the provision of labour has been one of the chief questions affecting the welfare of the country. When the Charter was granted there was little or no native labour available and to proceed with development it was necessary to import the same, the immigrants then consisting almost entirely of Chinese. Much was done by way of special agents being sent to China, Commissions appointed and efforts in other directions. Some were attracted to come voluntarily, but most had to be assisted. What the country has wanted throughout its career, which is now approaching half a century, has been labour even more than capital for its development.

In the course of time native labour has been induced to come down from up country and there is now quite a considerable force at work on many of the estates. Government regulations as to enforced leave for them to return to the Kampongs for a certain time in each year has rather tended to interfere with the working native, but on the whole he has done some good service and eased the position a little. He still remains somewhat shy, and care has to be taken in the way in which he is handled and treated on an estate. An assistant or a manager who is not sympathetic may easily scare him away, but if he is treated tactfully he makes quite a good estate labourer and often gives very satisfactory service. Ill-treatment was not a paying proposition, as the man will only work on his own terms and in a manner that he approves of. Recently Government has become more stringent in the matter of advances which will render his employment on estates more difficult. The regulation as to any advance not being allowed to exceed \$5 per head, has hitherto been honoured more in the breach than in the performance. Now it is enforced, which will mean that any sum exceeding it will have to be written off as a bad debt, and some estates may have to write off considerable sums. It may be pointed out that in the case of a native borrowing there was generally a reasonable and specific cause, without which the man would not seek to work on an estate. Failure to obtain the sum required usually resulted in the man seeking the money elsewhere. His need for borrowing was different to that of the average Chinese or Javanese coolie, who probably wanted it in many cases for the purpose of gambling. Whilst applying the regulation as to the amount of the advance more stringently now, it is said that on the other hand Government is said not to insist on natives returning annually to their villages. Rumour also says the question of advances may be shelved as to its strict interpretation. The result of it all has been that the pay of native labour has been increased in most cases, so perhaps that covers a wide construction of the regulations.

Javanese Labour.

Javanese labour is employed on a number of estates, and there must be a good few of indentured labourers in the State. Handled properly they make quite good and efficient labour. Consequently, apparently, on the recent agitation that have been going on in Java, the Dutch Government is taking special precautions to see that labour employed in countries outside its own territory receives the very best treatment. An Inspector of Javanese labour has recently paid a visit to North Borneo and has been threatening to withdraw permits to estates to import such labour unless a good deal more is done in the way of housing, water and particularly rations. The latter daily rate has been raised to 25 cents a day for each coolie and 10 cents for each child. The effect will be to raise the cost of this class of labour, which in the case of rubber estates will have the effect of increasing the f.o.b. cost of the rubber.

Chinese Labour.

In ordinary ways it is the Chinese who largely perform all general classes of labour. He is an enterprising fellow who has left his country determined to make money, and he usually does, though too frequently he gambles it all away with a light heart and hand. Nought need be said about his industry, his ability to withstand the climate and his aptitude to take up any class of work. If



Staff impressions by a patient at the Matilda Hospital.

ARMED ROBBERY AT
SHAMSHUIPO.ARRESTED MAN GETS
THREE YEARS.

A robbery at a house at Shamsui, when men armed with daggers bound some women and robbed them, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Hui Tak was charged with robbery, by two or more, before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks. The prisoner said he had just come to the country, and some people had induced him to take part in the robbery. He had no idea of the serious nature of the offence. His Lordship remarked that the men carried weapons. They also threatened and robbed women. The prisoner replied that the other men carried the weapons and did the robbing. He denied being in the possession of arms. Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed.

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he knows little about what he puts his hand to when he starts, he rapidly rises to considerable efficiency, if not proficiency. Subject to certain of his prejudices being respected, he makes the same good immigrant in North Borneo that he usually does in whatever part of the world he tries his hand to. He is the most expensive class of labour in the country, but he generally gives more work for it, particularly if his payment is by results—always the most satisfactory form in which to employ him. As a settler, small shopkeeper, planter and small estate owner, he usually does fairly well at what he turns his hand to. No wonder that the Government does all that it can to attract him, for his presence helps to make the country go, increases the revenue and generally adds to the welfare of the State. Further efforts are now being made, and inducements offered, to get him to come to the country.

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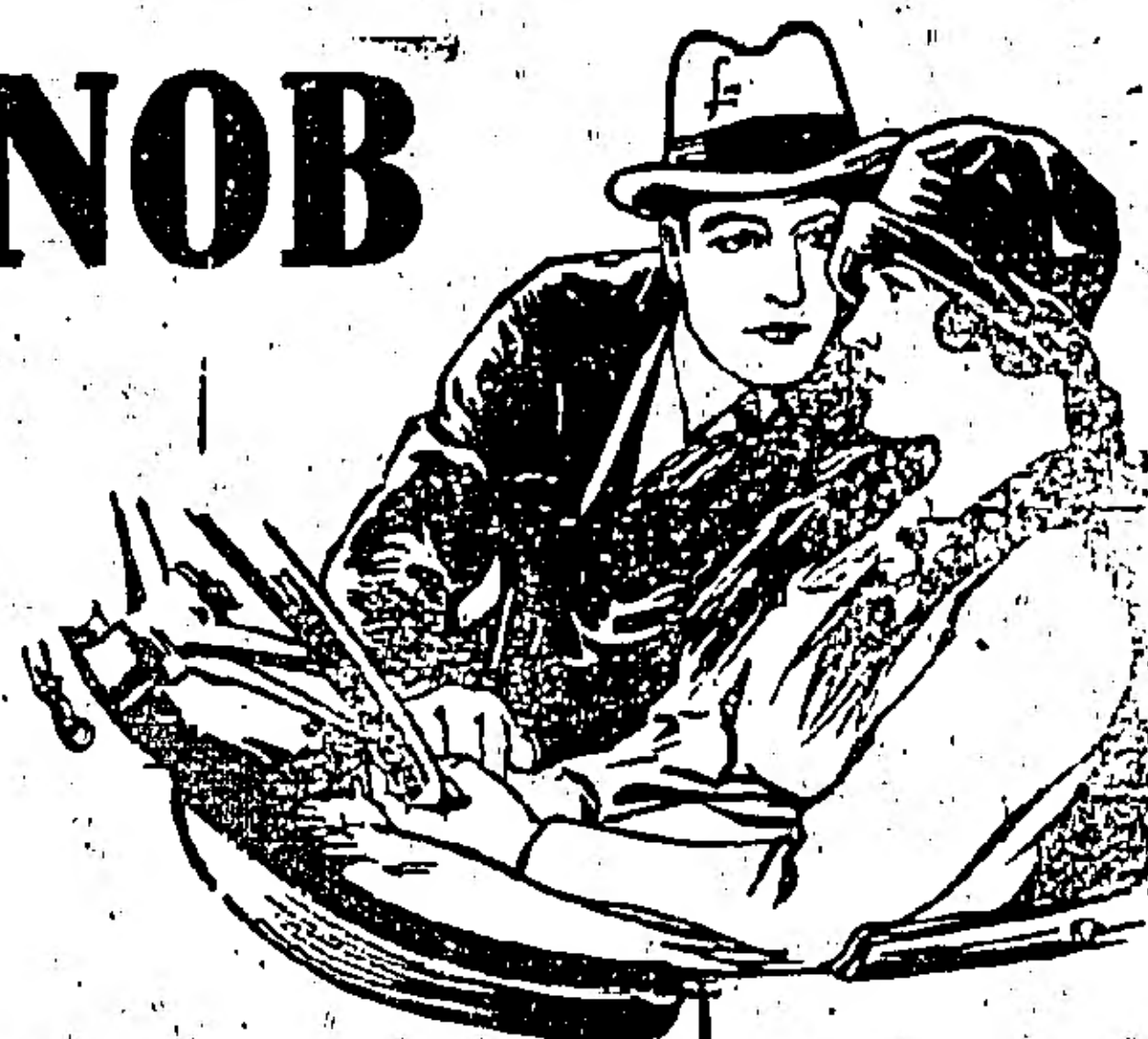


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